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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

For the Municipal Year of 1898-99.

Selectmen:

J. CUSHING GALLISON, HORACE W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING.

Town Clerk:

ORESTES T. DOE.

Treasurer:

HENRY R. JENKS.

Assessors:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD, JAMES O. CHILSON,
ELISHA P. CHAPMAN.

Overseers of the Poor:

GEORGE E. EMERSON, SAMUEL Y. REED,
HIRAM WHITING.

Auditor:

NELSON E. NEWELL.

Collector of Taxes:

EDWARD H. SHERMAN.

School Committee:

GEORGE KING,	Term expires	March,		1899
WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF,	"	"	"	1900
FRED P. CHAPMAN.	"	"	"	1901

Board of Health:

GREGORY A. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN,	Term expires		1899
DWIGHT M. HODGE, SECRETARY,	"	"	1901
WILLIAM H. COLBY,	"	"	1900

Constables:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER, FRED L. DAVIS,
KERVIN R. JEWETT.

Fence Viewers:

CYRUS M. ALLEN, JAMES O. CHILSON,
LUCIUS W. DANIELS.

Field Drivers:

ORRIN F. FISKE, MICHAEL J. HART,
JOHN H. COLGAN.

Pound Keeper.

NORMAN B. STONE.

Committee of Fifteen:

WILLIAM F. RAY,	CHARLES F. NYE,
FRED. P. CHAPMAN,	GEORGE E. EMERSON,
JAMES O. CHILSON,	HENRY R. JENKS,
GEORGE W. WIGGIN,	JOSEPH P. BASSETT,
CHARLES STEWART,	LAWRENCE J KELLEY,
HENRY E. RUGGLES,	ALFRED CLARK,
JEREMIAH J. McCARTHY,	GEORGE R. WINSOR,

CHARLES J. McKENZIE.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Superintendent of Streets:

CHARLES S. RAND.

Special Police:

CHARLES R. GOWEN,
WILLIAM G. CODY,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
GEORGE BOURBEAU,
DANIEL W. FISHER,
GEORGE W. HILL,
SILAS W. NICKERSON,
JOSEPH T. HUTCHINSON,
FRED L. DAVIS,
EDMUND J. ROCKWOOD,
AMOS W. STONE,
WILLIAM REDPATH,
WALTER LOVELACE,
CHARLES BADGER,
EDWARD P. PROCTOR.

Surveyors of Lumber:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH,
WALTER M. FISHER.

Measurers of Wood and Bark:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
T. JEFFERSON DANIELS,
NORMAN B. STONE,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
WILTON A. POND,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH,
THOMAS B. ALLEN.

Measurers of Grain:

FRANK D. METCALF,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH,
JAMES F. RAY,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
NATHAN B. ARNOLD,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,

Weighers of Coal and Hay:

JOSEPH E. CLARK.
NATHAN B. ARNOLD.
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD.
THOMAS KEEFE,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART,
JAMES F. RAY,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

GRANVILLE H. ELLIS.

Inspector of Kerosene Oil:

GRANVILLE H. ELLIS.

Agents for Burial of Soldiers:

EDWIN A. MASON,
WALTER M. FISHER.

Auctioneers:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER.
DAVID W. CORSON.

Liquor Officer:

ANTHONY CONNOR.

Night Police Officer:

WILLIAM REDPATH.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions:

WILLIAM F. KING.

Forest Fire Wards:

CHARLES S. RAND,
WILLIAM F. KING,
NORMAN B. STONE,
JAMES M. PARKER.
ALMON SANBORN,
T. JEFFERSON DANIELS,
CHARLES E. WOODWARD,
ALBERT J. NEWELL,
ELLIOT POOR.

Board of Fire Engineers:

JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM, EDGAR A. METCALF,
GEORGE I. PECK, JAMES B. McKINNON,
WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY.

Board of Registrars:

BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD, *JAMES E. KELLEY,
JAMES W. DESMOND, †JOHN B. COLLINS,
ORESTES T. DOE, Ex-officio.

*Resigned.
†Appointed to fill vacancy.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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FOR THE

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E. D. DANIELS, Superintendent.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Franklin:

With the close of the fiscal year, ending January 31st, 1899, comes the duty of making our report, embracing such information in relation to our Public Schools as we may think serviceable in enabling you to judge of their management and progress, and to assist the voters wisely in determining the amount of appropriations that should be made for their support for the year ensuing. Were it not for the belief that some benefits may arise from presenting subjects from different standpoints, we might feel that the obligation resting upon us in this respect might, perhaps, be fairly discharged by printing the more elaborate and full report of the Superintendent, with such supplementary ones as are made by teachers on subjects coming directly under their own observation.

We think it may well be doubted if there is any other department for which appropriations are made by the town, where the citizens are more dependent on their agents for information to enable them to judge of its management than that of schools.

We have formed this opinion, in part at least, from observing how few persons, even of those having children attending the schools, ever avail themselves of any opportunity of visiting them and of witnessing the work as it is daily carried on by the teachers. Undoubtedly some may have a more or less valid excuse for this neglect in being unable to leave their daily employments at such times as the schools are in session. Others may think that they do not possess the attainments requisite for making their observation useful. It may

readily be admitted that to fulfill their duty in this respect, as we believe they should for the best interests of their children, it may require a special effort on their part. We feel confident, however, that they would feel amply rewarded by a more frequent visitation, as by so doing, they would become more familiar with the teachers and would feel less embarassment arising from unfamiliar faces and new surroundings, and could observe the deportment and studiousness of the scholars, two things indispensable to the best success of any school. It is unquestionably true that in some town departments the information necessary to judge of the efficiency of the work done and the economy of expenditure is more easily obtained than in this.

In the road department the people can, while walking or riding to their daily employment or for pleasure, easily make such observations as will enable them to form an intelligent opinion of the expenditures of their money. But it should not be forgotten that the greater importance of the schools for public good requires the greater sacrifice.

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It would seem that after such a long and successful trial no doubt could arise as to the superiority of our free school system over others for the general acquisition of knowledge and for promoting those moral and religious sentiments deemed so essential to the welfare of our children and to the public. But it must be obvious that to secure the greatest benefits from the schools under this system, they must be brought up to and kept at a high standard. We believe that in towns like ours the standard should be so high that no one (except in rare cases) could have any valid reason for resorting to other schools for the purpose of acquiring any knowledge essential to their advancement to any institution of learning above our academic schools. There seems to be a tendency on the part of some to so magnify the little inherent evils in our public schools that they are unable to fully appreciate their greatest benefits. But we may well leave such biased opinions to those who entertain them, to consider those

of some of our greatest New England men of the past in reference to them.

Daniel Webster said: "That in my opinion the instruction communicated in the free schools of New England has a direct effect for good on the minds of youth. It represses vicious inclinations, it inspires love of character, and it awakens honorable aspirations." Jared Spark says: "A system may fairly be judged by its results; the system of common schools in New England claims unqualified approbation. It has existed two hundred years, and I am not aware that the people of any country or community have exhibited the fruits of moral and religious culture in a more eminent degree than the inhabitants of New England." Edward Everett adds his testimony thus: "I do not know much personally of the schools, except in this neighborhood, where they are excellent. * * * I send my child to the public school in Cambridge because it is the best within my reach. If there were private schools where he would be better taught, I might regard it my duty to send him to it; but I should regard this as an evil."

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

For those interested in the cost of our public schools at the present time compared with ten years since, we have prepared a series of tables for the purpose of showing it in a variety of ways.

We make no claim that these tables and the comments on them are absolutely correct in every respect, but believe them so nearly so that they will serve all practicable purposes for which they were designed. Some of the data relied on was obtained from the school registers, which in some few cases are so carelessly kept that perfect results could not be arrived at. It should be remembered that the results in the tables are based on the average membership of the scholars in all the schools for the fiscal year beginning Feb. 1st, 1898, and ending Feb. 1, 1899, and not on the register year, which begins on April 1st of one year and ends at the same time on the next, and on which the tables in the secretary's report of the Board of Education are based. The object is to show the absolute, as

well as the relative, cost of the schools and not to show the cost as per town grant. In cases of doubt, the benefit has been given to the lesser rather than the greater cost.

COMMENTS ON TABLES.

It may be seen by Table I. that the cost for books and supplies for the year ending January, 1889, was $1,141.20, which is a much larger sum than has ever been expended for that purpose in any one year. We are not now able to give the reason for this, only on the supposition that the bills for some of the purchases of the year previous were carried over. This seems to us probable from the fact that the amount expended in that year was less than one half of that in the next. Notwithstanding the amount expended for this item, which was so largely in excess of this year's, the cost per average membership in all the schools was the same, viz.: $1.44. It is however probable that the *average* cost in the former year was less than in this.

The average yearly cost for each scholar in the average membership of all the schools is now greater in each class of expenditures, except that of books and supplies, that being the same. The total yearly cost per scholar is now $24.57, then $16.09.

In the last report of the Board of Education, the yearly cost for each scholar in the average membership for this state is stated to be $25.22, not including cost of repairs of school-houses. In our schools, including cost of repairs, it was, the year past, $24.57. Deduct from this ninety-six cents, which is the cost per scholar for that item, it makes it $23.21 or $2.61 less than the average cost for each scholar in the state. It seems to be the impression of some that there has been a great advance in teachers' wages. Table III. will show that the average weekly wages of teachers, not including those in the high school, has for the last ten years increased from $9.26 to $10.14, or 9 1-2 per cent. Surely this cannot be regarded as a great increase when compared with that in other employments. It appears also by these tables that the weekly cost per scholar in the average membership of the high school in

TABLE I.

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL EXPENSES.			INCREASE.	DECREASE.	TOTAL INCREASE.	PER CENT OF TOTAL INCREASE.
CLASS.	1889	1899.				
Teachers' Wages	$7,788.90	$8,407.10	$ 618.20	$ ——		
Books and Supplies	1,141 20	824.48	——	316.92		
Fuel	846.38	799.30	——	47.08		
Janitors	477.15	992.50	515.35	——		
Repairs	458 58	564.00	115.42	——		
Miscellaneous	493.36	424.67	——	78.69		
Supervising	428.04	1,000.00	571.96	——		
Transportation of Scholars.	——	1,373.75	1,373.75	——		
Totals	11,633.31	14,385.80	——	——	3,752.19	23½

TABLE II.

AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP OF ALL SCHOOLS.	YEAR.	AVERAGE YEARLY COST FOR EACH SCHOLAR IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.
723	1889	$16.09
586	1899	24.57

TABLE III.

Number of Teachers not including the High.		Average Wages of Teachers per Week not including the High.		Increase per cent. of Wages in Ten years.	Average number of Scholars in High School.		Average Weekly Cost for each in High School.		Per cent. of Increase.	Weekly Cost for Each Scholar in All Schools excluding High.		Per cent. of Increase.
YEAR.		YEAR.			YEAR.		YEAR.			YEAR.		
1889	1899	1889	1899	9½	1889	1899	1889	1899	28	1889	1899	11½
19	14	$9.26	$10.14		49	70	.70	.90		.26	.29	

the same time has increased from seventy cents to eighty-nine and one-half, or about 28 per cent.

This is not owing wholly to increase of teachers' wages, but largely to increased membership and greater number of teachers employed. This increase of teachers was found necessary owing to the introduction of a greater variety of studies and the different methods of teaching them. Formerly, owing to want of room and sufficient apparatus and the little time that could be devoted to it by the teachers, the scholars acquired very little practical knowledge of chemistry. Now we have a well-equipped laboratory, which requires a large portion of one teacher's time in assisting the pupils in practical experiments. No one who has not had the opportunity to study this branch of laboratory methods can ever realize its advantages over the theoretical. Other reasons for the increased cost in this grade might be given, but we trust this may suffice.

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDIES FOR SCHOOLS.

Theoretically, this is one of the prescribed duties of school committees, but, in towns where superintendents are employed, their influence so largely prevails, that in many cases it is scarcely more than nominal. But no one who reads the reports of the Board of Education, containing not only its own opinions on this subject but also that of their special agents and superintendent of schools, can fail to realize that there are great diversities of opinion as to the adaptability of some studies for use in the higher grades of school, as well as to the conditions that should be imposed for their use.

At the commencement of the last school year your superintendent advised the addition of Latin to the 9th grade course of study as an elective study. This was unanimously assented to by your school committee, mainly for the reason that we thought it would be of special advantage to those scholars who intended to pursue an advanced course of study after leaving that grade. It was more readily assented to also for the reason that it had been tried in schools in some of the cities and larger towns of the state with fair success. At the

commencement of this year, we were asked by him to sanction the study of Latin and German in the 8th grade as *required* studies for all the children, leaving the choice between them to the scholars and their parents. After considerable deliberation and discussion, the request was granted by a majority vote. When the time came to make the choice, so few decided on German, that the superintendent thought best not to accede to their wishes.

The result is that all the scholars are devoting time to Latin that was formerly spent in the study of the English branches. We must admit that this is an untried course, as we know of no public school of this grade where it is in use as a *required* study for all. But it is on trial, and if continued, time will determine its advantages or otherwise. As relevant to this subject, we introduce the following quotation from one who has for a long time made the free schools of our state, as well as those in other countries, a special study. He says: "There is also no question as to the desirability of making elementary science or nature study a requisite study in all grades. In respect to a foreign language, whatever we may think of it as desirable for all pupils in the higher grades of grammar schools, we cannot look upon it as one of the great co-ordinate subjects or group of subjects necessary to the interest of all. There are those who regard time spent upon anything but English branches as an absolute waste, especially for those who are to leave school at the end of the grammar school course. It would seem best, therefore, to make the study of foreign languages optional, either by making it an extra study or by permitting it to be taken in place of some part of the work in English grammar."

MUSIC.

Instruction in this branch of study is still conducted with much zeal and success by Mrs. L. T. Hosmer, who has been the special teacher in this department for more than ten consecutive years. To those of us who were familiar with the former methods of instruction, when it was the custom to have in every school a second-hand reed organ, which, when played

upon by some of the scholars (seldom by the teachers), brought forth a great variety of asthmatic sounds, which not only grated upon musical ears, but caused the listener to feel that the internal mechanism of the instrument was in danger of failing in pieces like the deacon's "One-Hoss Shay," the success seems so great under the present system and instruction that we can scarcely imagine how the former was ever tolerated at all.

For the singing by "rote," which usually accompanied the playing, the more scientific and useful method of singing by "note" has been substituted to the unquestioned advantage of the scholars. These changed methods of conducting the teaching have not only been of great advantage to the pupils, but also to the teachers as well. Formerly very few teachers were qualified to teach music by any method; now those not qualified to teach it by the best modern methods are the exception. This change, in our schools at least, has largely been brought about by a determined persistency of the school committee that all teachers should be so qualified as a requisite for retaining their positions. Some of the teachers, least qualified, felt this to be an unreasonable demand and manifested a decided inclination to ignore it, even neglecting to attend the means of instruction provided for them free of cost. A few dropped out, but others persevered, and are now some of our best teachers in this department.

JANITORS.

After the introduction into our larger school buildings of new methods of heating and ventilating, it was found necessary to employ for janitors such persons as should be able to manage them so as to secure the best results for which they were designed. In consequence of this, and the largely increased demands on them for other duties, the cost has been greatly increased. It should not be overlooked, however, that a considerable portion of the increase is apparent rather than real, as they have done a large amount of work which was formerly done by others, and the cost charged to the repair and miscellaneous accounts.

Our janitors have so faithfully performed their duties the past year that there has been very little occasion for complaint. Where one janitor has charge of two or more buildings, having several rooms in each, it will occasionally happen on some cold and windy mornings that he will fail to have for a short time some one of them up to the desirable standard of heat. On such rare occasions, it becomes the duty of the teacher to have the scholars keep on their outer garments, and before dismissing them, notify the janitor, as in most such cases the room can be made comfortable in a very short time. In some cases it is only necessary to divert the heat by change of dampers. As a general thing, more complaint is made from too much heat than too little. In cases where the heat is excessive, the teacher should regulate the dampers for letting in cold air, rather than run the risk of danger by letting it in directly from open windows and doors upon some of the children. Some teachers excuse themselves for neglect in this respect on the ground that their thoughts are so absorbed in their work that they do not think of it. But neglect in a matter so important to health should admit of little or no excuses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND MANUAL TRAINING.

It gives us pleasure to invite your especial attention to these subjects so clearly and convincingly presented by our superintendent in his report. Although the town may not consider it advisable to make provision for such education at the present time, we think it merits careful consideration in view of its future possibilities. To give it anything like a fair trial, it would require an increase of the appropriations recommended by us. As a portion of this appropriation is necessary to meet the expenses for a lengthened school year in the lower grades, we think it advisable to wait till these schools are more advanced. By a legislative act of 1884, the elementary use of hand-tools was required to be taught in our schools on the same conditions as sewing, etc., viz.: whenever the school committee should think it advisable. In 1886, towns were allowed to establish industrial schools, with the condi-

tion that children could not attend such schools in place of the public schools required by law. So if such a school were established, it would only be available to such scholars as could attend when the regular schools were not in session, and also such children as did not attend school. Scholars in the high school might attend in the afternoon as that school has but one session. A better arrangement seems to be to have this exercise at intervals with the regular studies, and we anticipate that such an arrangement will be feasible in the near future. In 1894, a law was enacted requiring all cities of twenty thousand or more inhabitants to maintain a manual training department as a part of its high school system. Wherever such a course has been tried, it has been found beneficial, not only for invigorating the physical system, but the mental as well. The value of manual training guided by intelligence has been so clearly demonstrated in our late war with Spain that there can be no room for doubt.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

It is well known that our schools below the three higher grades have been kept only 36 weeks during the year. But recognizing the necessity for more instruction in these grades as one of the essentials for raising the standard of the other grades we, at the beginning of the school year in September, voted to increase the number of weeks to 38. In consequence of a change in the commencement of these schools they have, in fact, been kept this number of weeks during the last fiscal year. At the same time some schools were found so crowded that a new school was established in one of the school houses on Nason street. These changes increased our expenditures beyond what had been anticipated at the beginning of the fiscal year.

ESTIMATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Should our schools be continued for the next year on the same basis as at present, we estimate it would require, on the part of the town, the sum of $13,800 to meet the expenses. We, therefore, advise and recommend that this amount be appropriated for that use. Should it be thought necessary to

comply with the law, to make a specific appropriation for transportation of scholars, we advise the amount of $1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE KING.

For the School Committee.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the Chairman and Members of the School Committee, Franklin, Massachusetts:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the citizens of Franklin, my sixth annual report. As in former years, this report is written for our people and its recommendation for our consideration and not for the body of superintendents throughout the state.

Last year I was somewhat discouraged at the conditions of our public schools. But this year, from my own observation and the reports of the teachers, I believe our schools are not only better than last year, but better than ever before.

The selection of teachers and recommendation to the School Board for election is one of the most responsible functions ever entrusted to a superintendent. At the annual May election of teachers the record for the past year of each teacher must be known and impartially weighed. No consideration of family ties, friendship, politics, state or church affiliation should bias action. In filling vacancies should preference be given to local candidates? Yes, if they are equally well prepared, otherwise no.

The best high schools do not, cannot, give the professional instruction for teachers any more than it can furnish it to the future physicians, ministers or lawyers. No amount of

observation or "training" classes can ever surpass the BEST normal schools in equipping teachers. There are at present four graduates of the Horace Mann who are teachers here in Franklin and who have had no professional training. Their discipline is good. Their pupils study well. They have many qualities which promise permanent success. But they would be worth more to themselves and the town if they had the two or four years' normal training. Much of the finest and fairest in a teacher's work lies way beyond them, and can only be attained by experimenting on your children. But there has not, however, been money enough to secure and retain the best normal graduates. The public is fast beginning to recognize the fact that the essential condition of the highest success of American schools is the thorough normal training of our teachers.

The best service can not be rendered by teachers who assume its responsibilities as a mere makeshift. It demands the whole of the mind, the body and the affections for the highest service. There is getting to be no room in the ranks for one who can or will give less than his all in enthusiastic service. Further, if candidates are not worthy in character, education, preparation, or that indescribable power of control that makes for discipline and good order in the school, they should not be employed, even if their home is here in Franklin. The schools are not maintained to support the indigent, to help pay taxes, or for charity. During the last year I have been approached by two citizens offering large inducements if I would use my influence for their candidates. The names of neither candidate were reported to the committee, because on investigating their record they were found not worthy. Neither is employed. At times, too, there comes the unpleasant duty of dismissing teachers, but this last year all who left us resigned to accept other or better positions. An unusual number of vacancies had to be filled. Many hours of school and vacation time were spent in travelling, meeting, examining candidates and in writing letters to investigate their earlier records. The new teachers finally elected were Clara E. Ham of Boston Technology and Frank H. Wilkins of Bos-

ton University for the Horace Mann; Lucy B. Conner of Robinson Academy and Hyannis Normal, and Caroline Atkins from the Brookline Training School, with several months actual experience in school work, for School street; Theresa D. Lewis of Bridgewater Normal and Pearl L. Jacobs from the City Mills School for Nason street; Margaret M. Sullivan from the Horace Mann and Bridgewater Normal for the City Mills School. In mid-term A. Fannie O'Hara resigned to accept a much better position in the Roxbury High and Arthur W. Blake of Bowdoin was elected for the vacancy, and Mrs. Nellie Willard secured for one hour per day to teach stenography and typewriting. Five of the former teachers, Frances E. King, Charles F. Frazier, Pearl L. Jacobs, Bertha A. Hood and Bertha E. Ellis, received an increase in salary, varying from a few cents to one dollar and a half per week. Your superintendent further recommended that Rebecca Dunning, because of her faithful and efficient service at the Brick, and Isabel M. Reilly, because of her wise management as principal of School street, receive a weekly increase. The committee, while recognizing the merits of each, did not feel warranted to thus add to the expense. The number of weeks in all schools of lower grades was increased from thirty-six to thirty-eight weeks. The number of school weeks in the cities and towns of our worth and rank is forty. In the high schools it is fixed by law at forty.

Inventory of the School Year.

PROMINENT LOSSES.

(1.) Continued carelessness on the part of children and parents in the use and care of public books, supplies and property.

IMPORTANT GAINS.

(1.) School buildings cared for better than ever before. Both janitors now take personal interest in their work. Rooms more frequently washed; some, six times a year. Seven years ago the committee refused to appropriate any money for washing. Less sickness,

Inventory of School Year, Continued.

PROMINENT LOSSES.

(2.) The leaving for private schools at a loss both to themselves and to us of a few pupils from our higher grades. "Wealthy parents, it may be unthinkingly, are really committing an act of injustice to their own children when they suffer them to grow up practically in ignorance of those who were to be become in a few years their fellow citizens and administrators of public affairs. This is substantially one of the outcomes of education in private schools."—Supt. Sawer, Boston.

(3.) Unmerited ill-will in the minds of certain parents on Central street, occasioned by assignment of their children to Nason instead of School street school.

(4.) Too few reference books.

(5.) The resignation of Miss A. Fannie O'Hara.

(6.) Many absences caused by la grippe.

(7.) Lack of permanent, professional spirit among some of the teachers.

IMPORTANT GAINS.

(2.) Additional apparatus in physics for the Horace Mann.

(3.) Closing of the 'Latic school.

(4.) Transportation of the Latic pupils to the graded school at the Center.

(5.) Selection and retention of teachers from personal merit and preparation, giving far better results than selections from favoritism.

(6.) Courses of studies in VIII. and IX., years enriched by elementary physics, foreign language, concrete geometry in the one, and chemistry and better work in English in the latter.

(7.) Double promotions successfully bestowed.

(8.) Departmental teaching much farther extended in the Horace Mann.

(9.) Increased number and interest in the volunteer teachers' meetings.

(10.) Since September, '98, a decided gain in a healthful, moral tone among the pupils of the Horace Mann. More harmonious and united work among the teachers.

(11.) Primaries regraded. Fewer classes and better results in each. A new intermediate grade opened at the Nason School.

The new intermediate grade at Nason School was opened to relieve the primaries and not because the 'Latic School was closed. Formerly there were three grades and four classes in the primaries in town. This crowding of pupils in the lowest grade retarded many of them a whole year.

NUMBER OF PUPILS TRANSPORTED BY EACH DRIVER.

Name of Teachers.	Name of Drivers.			
	A. F. Everett.	J. H. Tyler.	E. P. Proctor.	
E. D. Daniels.....	..	2	2	There were 20 pupils at 'Latic last year. Miss Jacobs, teacher of the new school opened, has 45, only three of whom are pupils from outside the village. Half of the 'Latic pupils come to the Horace Mann.
F. E. King.....	..	2	6	
F. H. Wilkins....	..	2	2	
I. M. Reilly... ...	2	1	2	
C. F. Frazer.....	1	1	1	
L. B. Conner.....	..	..	6	
T. D. Lewis.....	1	5	..	
P. L. Jacobs... ..	2	1	..	
L. L. Tower.....	5	4	..	
R. Dunning.....	..	..	9	
Totals,	11	18	34	

Five years ago the course of study in the High School was remodeled by the introduction of many advanced studies and by the omission of studies belonging to only grammar grades. The cry then from citizen and committee was college preparation. This is now successfully accomplished by all WHO BEGIN IN TIME. We are, as has often been stated, recognized as an adequate preparatory school and hold certificate rights. We, however, cannot be censured when a pupil does not decide to attend college until his last year, if in his electives he has not taken the studies required for admission to his chosen college. Parents and pupils are urged to confer often with the superintendent. Again in the rivalry among colleges for students, the right of certificate for entrance is often, I believe, abused. This last year the Dean of one of the leading colleges hinted broadly that I should say a certain pupil had completed work, which, in my opinion, was not done. I refused.

Many of the High School pupils will not attend college or even a normal school. For some of these a commercial course was offered, and under Miss O'Hara maintained very high rank. A plan was introduced, and since approved of by

the Woonsocket and Springfield High Schools, viz.: that the first year or two should not differ from the regular course. The wisdom of this is seen in the difficulty of mastering the intricacies of commercial forms. But two exceptions have been made, and these only after careful investigation by the committee.

To the cavillers at frequent changes in courses of study, reference is made to the Harvard requirements, frequently changed in the past and now changing more radically than ever by a system not to be completed till 1903. And what have we in New England higher or better than Harvard! Indeed, in this age of experiment serious question has arisen if any study is canonical; if any study or group of studies may not be omitted without serious loss? This can be answered only by the experiment.

A better course of study is proposed for next year. It differs but slightly from the one in actual use. There is to be no break between grades IX and X. There is to be greater freedom in election of studies or groups of studies, increased amount of work in English and history, and lastly the introduction of physical and manual training.

More stress is laid upon the study of English, not only to gain correct standards for usage and an appreciative liking for the great masters, but to form a correct and permanent taste for good reading. A youth is better off today without the power to read unless he has with it the taste and habit for only good reading.

A knowledge of history, ancient, mediæval and modern, is priceless to members of a free republic. To properly understand our privileges, our institutions, and to wisely protect them, the voter must know minutely the source and tendency of historical development. Spread-eagleism is ignorance, while a right education is the state's supreme reliance for the enlargement and strengthening of its civil foundations. The public schools of today ask your support to accomplish these aims.

(1.) To promote the pupil's normal, physical development.

(2.) To stimulate every individual to aim at self-support or some worthy form of life-work and to give him a general preparation for such activity.

(3.) To stimulate and prepare the pupils, as far as the age and time limits will permit, to participate and to be helpful in promoting the welfare of the society of which he is a part.

(4.) To prepare and to stimulate each pupil to carry forward his own development uninterruptedly, so far as his circumstances permit, through self-teaching, whether he continues his studies in some higher institution after his school-life is closed, or whether he enters at once upon his active life's work.

In relation to the radical improvements accomplished this fall in the Horace Mann, note the following: "The present academic year has been marked at Princeton by important changes. The chief of these, because it concerns undergraduate instruction, which is always a paramount consideration, is the introduction of Latin as a required study in the Freshman year of the School of Science, and as an elective in the Sophomore year. No more essential change has been made at Princeton in the last decade. The insufficiency of an education without, or almost without, Latin has been clearly proved by an experiment of twenty years. The average School of Science student has been *less mature, less manageable and less successful* EVEN IN SCIENTIFIC BRANCHES than the average Academic student. When seated side by side in Junior and Senior elective courses, such as Physics, History and Economics, open to men of both departments, the superiority of the Academic students, with from six to eight years of Latin and from four to six years of Greek behind them, over the Scientific students, with only one or two years of Latin and no Greek, has been very marked. This difference has been only slightly compensated for by a small excess of Mathematics and Modern Languages on the part of the Scien-

tific men. Apart from athletics, they have not done anything like a proportionate share of general college work, such as debating, speaking, writing and editing college papers. The literary societies have been conducted without much active aid from them. On the other hand, they have *contributed far more than their share of cases of discipline*, and about forty per cent. of those who matriculate in Freshman year have to be dropped. The class of '99 in the School of Science numbered in Freshman year 106, in Sophomore year 84, in Junior year 65, and at the beginning of Senior year 60. No such great falling off occurs in the Academic classes, although their course is at least as severe. Evidently the drill of language study makes for maturity of mind and character."

The above long quotation about Princeton is authoritative and of unusual interest to us in Franklin. There are eleven cities and towns in Massachusetts which have introduced the study of Latin below the tenth year and eight before the eighth year of school. Last September an option between Latin and German was offered to the pupils of the eighth year. The great majority chose Latin. The plan is to offer the same election next year. Even the youths who do not intend to long remain in school, and needs must begin life's work at once on leaving, ought to receive the broadest influence and culture while they are in school.

Our schools now furnish a good preparation for the colleges, normal school or business, but what of those pupils who care for none of these? A good school is a successful organization for directing all the activities of the children—and the best is when the activities are led from play to work—but the education possible today in Franklin in its bookish, largely sedentary and inert way, reaches only half of the child and makes less of that half than it might and should. The control of the motor nerves and the muscles measures the power of the mind. If the physical activities glow with well-directed intelligence, they stimulate powerfully the mental activities. A self-controlled, moral, well-being results from co-ordinating hand and brain.

1. "A properly ordered system of physical activities, exercised in the intelligent planning and production of finished products of handicraft by skilful methods, involves such exercise of the physical, intellectual, and moral activities as must necessarily result in development of physical, intellectual, and moral power."—Cambridge Manual School Report.

The education largely intellectual tends to draw the boy and girl away from physical work, away from the shop and farm, and leads them to despise the humble toil of their parents. Eighteen cities and twenty towns have adopted and introduced in their public schools some form of manual training. The following named list were not by law obliged to:

Bridgewater,	Arlington,	North Adams,
Brookline,	Belmont,	Peabody,
Easton,	Concord,	Rockland,
Milton,	Dedham,	Williamstown,
Watertown,	Marblehead,	Lexington,
Winchester,	Medford,	Northampton,
Woburn,	Everett.	

Manual training takes time from other lessons, but the experience in Boston, Waltham and Birmingham, England, attests that the boys who labor from two to six hours per week in the manual schools do better work in the same lessons than the boys who do not. Further, boys given an opportunity in the manual schools remain much longer in school, are less idle, and are less on the streets.

Is manual training necessary? Formerly, when children at home had certain daily tasks or stents to perform, such training was less needed. Now many children have no home duties to do and form no idea of work. The plan is not to furnish a separate school or to teach a trade, but the use of certain tools and familiarity with certain principles essential to several trades, together with right purpose and motives for work. A room in the basement of the Horace Mann could be fitted up, benches and tools bought, and a teacher hired for from $650 to $800, and instruction given to all in the Horace Mann and the upper grades of School street. The idle boy

or girl soon drops out of school, soon becomes the bad boy or girl, and later the dangerous citizen. In the school year 1896-7, some $20,000,000 of property was destroyed by idle boys during vacations. I doubt not that some day a building will be furnished by the town on the eastern corner of the Horace Mann lot and will contain workshops and a gymnasium.

Cambridge is solving one great question. A summer school, with courses in manual training and nature study, was opened. Only the boys were admitted whose records the truant officers and police reported as doubtful. The school became very popular. Many more wished to enter, and notice! the future record of each boy was *much better*. It is cheaper for the state to save boys now than to build prisons later; "In short, manual training aims to make intelligent, strong-thinking, right-feeling, self-respecting, self-governing, and right-living men out of its pupils, whatever may be the position which they may be called to fill in their after life, and, at the same time, to give them a decided impulse toward the adoption of some industrial pursuit as their life work."

Will it pay? The future of Massachusetts is in her school rooms. The south and west, with their wonderful natural resources, are sharp competitors. If Massachusetts is to retain her industrial supremacy, it can only be done by training the new generation by wiser and better arts, to be more skilful and industrious. We cannot all be physicians. The child of the mechanic is just as much entitled to receive in the public schools, at the public expense, the education best suited to aid him to become a better mechanic than his father —if he wishes.

It is not wise economy for the state to spoil a good mechanic or farmer to produce a poor minister or lawyer, but the tendency of the High School has been just in that line for the last twenty-five years. And when we consider that less than seven per cent. join the learned professions, and the great majority in the humble walks of life have their special needs in a measure ignored, the demand for manual training becomes more imperative as a step forward and in the right direction.

Consider the regeneration of the negroes in the south wrought by the Tuskegee school. As the home in our hurried American life is exercising less and less directing control over the children, it behooves the state to provide new means to meet the new conditions. The American youth is a different creature today from those of a decade ago. Note the difference wrought in maternal control and influence by the bicycle!

It will cost money! The industrial and commercial schools maintained at public expense in Germany are of the highest value to the nation in aiding her to compete for the world's markets.

The extension of America's foreign trade and protection of American labor would be as well subserved if like schools were established generally here. Yes, manual training in our schools will be more effective than high tariff in competing against foreign nations by rendering the mechanic still more skilful and intellectual. What private citizen hestitates long to spend a dollar if he sees that dollar is to honestly return him two! Further, what are a few dollars or cents compared with the mental and moral salvation of one boy! You who are opposed, what father among you would hestitate to endorse any wise plan to save or aid your boy? Why do you in the case of your neighbor's boy? No juster law was ever uttered, "The strong must bear the burdens of the weak, the rich of the poor."

REPAIRS NEEDED.

The interior walls of several rooms need white-washing or tinting, especially those of the Horace Mann and School Street. The floors in the Horace Mann need to be "deadened" and the third story strengthened. Town water is needed in the latter. The well in the school yard has to be abandoned because the wash from the street rendered the water unfit for use. The building at School Street needs to be shingled at least on the north side. Some of the school-houses in the outlying district now closed are in a bad condition. This year your superintendent recommended the expenditure of sufficient sum to set the window-glass and thoroughly

board up the windows. This was satisfactorily performed at 'Latic and in a less degree at the North West school. But at the Mount and South Franklin nothing was done, because by vote of the town one or both of the buildings had been taken from the school committee and placed in the hands of the selectmen for sale. These two buildings are rapidly depreciating in value. I doubt if any are ever used as school-houses again. But certainly it is not wise economy to leave them thus. Either let them be sold or thoroughly protected from the weather and tramps. Let the town give suitable instruction about them.

I would further respectfully recommend that the name of School Street school be changed and named after our late fellow-townsman, William M. Thayer.

To the members of the school committee, who have carefully and patiently considered every plan proposed, and who have wisely decided, let me return my heartfelt thanks and to the larger public, whose servants we are, the same gratitude is due for co-operation and increased interests in our schools.

Signed.

ERNEST DARWIN DANIELS, A. M.

SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL.

To the School Committee of the Town of Franklin:

The first six months of the present year were uneventful so far as the work in the schools is concerned. A marked change, however, was made last September, which I think has tended to make the work for the present less effective in the sixth and seventh grades.

The change to which I refer is the putting of the pupils of two different grades into one room. At the opening of the

schools in September, we had a seventh class of thirty-five pupils and a sixth grade of fourteen in one room; a sixth division of thirty pupils and a fifth of twenty in another room; the recitation period being thirty minutes for each division. Previous to the regrading, the sixth and seventh classes were in separate rooms.

It is my opinion that much time can be saved, and that a teacher can give to each child more of that attention which is especially valuable to those attending either of these grades by lessening the number of grades under one teacher. The primary department has now two classes instead of three and fewer pupils. Owing to the decrease in the number of scholars under the instruction of the teacher in this department excellent results can be achieved in her work, and a few years hence we hope to see the good resulting from this change apparent in our sixth and seventh grades.

For the past five months, the departmental plan has been followed in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades in two studies—geography and arithmetic. To assure successful results from this method of instruction, the teacher should be a good disciplinarian. Without the power to govern, her work will be a complete failure, and the work of her associate teachers will be seriously affected.

Permit me to call attention to the poor light in the School Street building. During many days in the fall and winter, the rooms darken as early as 3 o'clock. I find in my room many children suffering from defective eyesight. Some means of lighting the rooms in the higher grades should be found or the pupils' eyes will receive a permanent injury. Many times it is necessary to continue the work in these grades after school hours.

The ventilation is not always good. Coal gas has not disturbed us so much as last year, but the rooms are not at all times free from it.

I think the supplies should be more generously distributed among the teachers. When the term's supply is ordered, we do not always receive the amount asked for in our requisitions, and before the expiration of the term, the children

are using pencils that are too short and the teachers are annoyed by not having materials for work. Two of the rooms are greatly in need of cabinets, and a pencil sharpener should be provided for the building.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL M. REILLY.

To Chairman of School Committee, Franklin, Mass.:

If there is one study above another which cannot afford to be neglected in our schools, it is Reading.

The average pupil's vocabulary is so meagre that intelligent questions are not comprehended, and poor recitations are traceable, not only to the inability of the pupil to *read* the subject matter understandingly, but the lack of power to express the thought in language of his own. Thus mechanical results instead of thoughtful recitations.

Although the greater per cent. of all reading is silent, let us encourage reading aloud as much as is possible.

School libraries are doing much to create a taste for good literature.

The books of our standard authors are abridged and accompanied with notes, and prove attractive to the young readers.

It is an advantage to have books where they may be freely handled, for a book examined proves, many times, more interesting than the title indicated.

There are in circulation in the Ninth Grade library eighty-five volumes, contributed by the superintendent, the pupils, and loaned by the teacher. It is an addition the school is proud of, and we only hope the good work may go on.

FRANCES EDDY KING.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Committee:

The Superintendent of Schools has asked me to report upon the results of the introduction of Latin, Concrete Geometry and Physics into the eighth grade. In other words, to answer the question so often put by the practical business man: "Of what use are these studies to the *average* scholar whose education will end with the grammer school?"

(1.) The course in Latin is intended to help in the study of English grammer, to enlarge the vocabulary and to discipline the mind. I believe this result has been accomplished by the diligent and earnest students, but success is lacking in some degree because of the general *apathy* and indifference of the parents who in turn influence their children to do less conscientious work. The work is carried on so slowly and thoroughly that any ordinary scholar by *application* and *study* can master it as easily as any so-called "practical" study.

(2.) Concrete Geometry finds a readier reception at the hands of parents and pupils. The work has been very interesting and the aim has been to encourage accuracy and precision of definition, to develop originality of thought, and to prepare the scholars for future abstract geometry by a thorough acquaintance with all necessary terms. The whole class has shown progress in the power of concentrating the mind upon special work and in seeing the *reason* lying back of the matter under discussion.

(3.) While many may doubt the wisdom of teaching Latin and Geometry in this grade, Physics will appeal to the practical mind. This study aims to develop the power of observation, to acquaint the pupils with the simpler laws of nature, and to bring out the mechanical and practical side of the mind. In all these points I believe the work has been a success. The work is done largely in the laboratory, where each student sees and learns things independently, and in addition is taught to use his tools intelligently.

In reviewing the work I firmly believe, as a whole, it has been a success. No parent need fear overwork on the part of

the scholar. Every recitation period is followed by one of study, so that by close attention to work very little outside study is necessary. It is to be noted that those who do the best work in the English branches stand first in the new studies.

The child's education ought not to be directed entirely to the aim of earning money, but to the development of all sides of his nature, so that when school days are over, the boy may become an intelligent, liberal-minded, cultivated citizen and voter; the girl that she may be fitted, not only for the household, but for the higher duties and privileges now placed within her reach. *All* studies are practical which make life larger and richer, and which broaden the mental horizon.

Respectfully submitteed,

FRANK H. WILKINS, A. B.

To the School Committee, Franklin, Mass.:

The years spent in the primary grades are important, because they lay the foundation, not only for the future years of study, but for life as well. Richter has said that it is the first impulse received, or the first tendency formed, during childhood, which flings broad and deep its light or shadow over the coming years. Hence these first years of school life are weighty and important.

It was in view of these considerations that it was deemed best, the past year, to lessen the number of grades in the Primary rooms by removing the third grade. The change has been a wise one in many ways.

Young children need more personal attention than older ones and take much more of the teacher's time. Some children in beginning learn very little with others, but need individual help almost entirely. With large second and third classes demanding attention, it is difficult to find time for much of this work. The change has made it easier, and the

classes have made more progress, and the work is more advanced than before.

Another advantage of the change is that it has made it possible to use more of the kindergarten games and plays than were appropriate for children as old as those of the third grade. Thus the little ones find more pleasure in their school life, and the teacher also feels that her influence is increased, since it is impossible to make children happy without also helping them to be good.

Respectfully submitted,

REBECCA DUNNING.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

The Supervisor of Music in the Franklin Public Schools would present the following report:—

The work in music has been carefully taught in the different grades, and the development of the plans laid out at the beginning of the year has been successful.

A selected chorus from the High School sang at the graduating exercises given in June in the Opera House. The regular drill in the High School is very satisfactory and a pleasure to supervise, since the pupils read quickly and enjoy the study. Special attention is given to the quality of tone used, the voices are much better and an improvement can be seen.

The grammar work is well taught and some good results are being obtained. The seventh grade is especially good, having made the greatest gain there has ever been in that class. These voices are good and they are faithful pupils deserving especial mention.

An even amount of study is being accomplished in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. In nearly all classes excellent progress is noticeable. Although we have several new

teachers to whom the study is unfamiliar, they are faithfully doing all possible to gain a higher standard. The children enjoy individual singing and it is always encouraged. The music upon both charts and books has developed a high moral influence, which will be helpful to them in after years. It was a delight to see the varied programmes at Christmas time. The songs and carols were well sung, and I have never seen better results at that time of year in the primary schools.

Regular teachers' meetings have been held, all showing an earnestness to gain. One examination was given in the spring covering a new line of thought, which was of great benefit to the teachers. The supervisor would again suggest for the school library a few books upon musical subjects for reference, such as an encyclodpedia and musical dictionary; these would increase the interest.

Not as much written work has been done since September, but many oral tests have been made upon technical points; often bright answers have been the result, and difficult problems solved. Much care has been given to the position of pupils during the singing period; not a sufficient gain is shown; doubtless this is due to not having regular calisthenics in the schools.

The director would here express her thanks to the teachers for their faithful and untiring assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LIZZIE TREEN HOSMER.

January 25, 1899.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

The Supervisor of Drawing in the Public Schools would present the following report: —

Many new ideas in school drawing are shown by the new series of drawing books,—happy changes for the pupils, but

meaning much additional preparation for the teachers; which will, I think, however, be more than balanced in the end by increased class interest. Each teacher is to be provided with the numbers of the drawing books best adapted to her grade, and I feel sure they will prove quite an aid to them, as well as an incentive to the pupils, many of whom already wish to buy copies. An interest that reaches beyond the lesson hour is delightful to meet.

A class has been suggested for the teachers, and perhaps some of the older pupils, to give special drill in free-hand work. I hope it may be arranged, as otherwise most of the work cannot be taken up. In many towns very good drawings are made from life, in the fourth and fifth grades,—pupils taking turns in posing; and even the first and second grades draw from real, live animals—a kitten, perhaps, playing with a curtain tassel, the sketch often made with brush and ink. Why should we not keep up with the times? The doubling of grades necessary in some rooms, of course, pushes the grades back just so much, but surely the ninth grade ought to accomplished seventh grade work.

The seniors and juniors do not accomplish so much in combination as they did alone. I wish they might have the additional work of the teacher's class.

We need more colored paper, compasses, a set of color-boxes, and above all softer drawing pencils.

I wish that each pupil might have at least one drawing-book during the year.

Some of the rooms are too crowded for one teacher to give a lesson, and all the individual superintendence that is often required.

Miss Morse reports that her desks are so high that free-hand pencil-work, the most important thing of all, is impossible, the children having to lift their arms to the shoulder-level. This lack will be strongly felt next year in the third grade. I have often noticed it in the fourth grade, and have been at loss to account for it. The work in colored paper in her room is especially excellent; neat, harmonious and original.

Unionville shows some pressed flowers, all the tones, petals, calyx, stamens, pistils, stems and leaves, matched in colored paper, well studied and mounted. City Mills especially neat colored paper work. These schools deserve special credit, as I can give them no direct supervision—merely criticising work and assigning it, as also in the primaries.

The seventh, eight and ninth grades among other things had some very good designs for wrought-iron, plate-borders, brackets and all-over patterns, many of them in color.

Some of the teachers are making good use of the Perry pictures, copies of all the best pictures, and the children enthusiastically seize upon Madonnas everywhere. I wish we might follow out the course in these pictures recommended by Henry T. Bailey. The cost to each pupil a year would not exceed four cents.

In many places the month's work is placed on exhibition in the High School Hall at the beginning of the succeeding month. I think the teachers might take turns in arranging it, and that each grade would feel pride in showing as good work as possible.

My absence during part of the year was, as interruptions must always be, an injury to some of the work. Also the extra school this year crowds the supervisor's day to its utmost. Yet on the whole I think there has been a gain in many ways, due largely to the efforts of the teachers, to whom I give sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

ADRA R. MASON.

January 26, 1899.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR YEAR CLOSING JANUARY 31, 1899.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Whole Number of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Number of Pupils belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Visitors.
Horace Mann....	E. D. Daniels.....	149	134.4	124.2	92.4	62	95
	Grace C. Whiting.....						
	*Clara E. Ham.....						
	*Arthur W. Blake.....						
	Frances E. King.....						
	*Frank H. Wilkins.....						
School Street....	Isabel M. Reilly.....	51	42.7	39.2	83.9	12	83
	Charles F. Frazer.....	41	41.2	37.5	91.2	13	58
	*Lucy B. Conner.....	55	46.6	41.6	89.4	74	66
	*Caroline L. Atkins.....	60	32.9	29.8	90.5	52	96
Nason School....	*Theresa D. Lewis.....	58	44.1	40.1	90.9	35	55
	*Pearl L. Jacobs.....	5	42.6	39.5	95.	22	35
	Lucy E. Tower.....	50	29.3	26.5	90.1	43	64
Brick.....	Rebecca Dunning.....	51	34.1	28.6	83.9	65	104
Four Corners....	Bertha H. Hood.....	65	38.9	34.8	89.4	36	151
Arlington	Emily F. Morse.....	68	38.9	35.4	91.	60	24
City Mills.....	*Margaret M. Sullivan.....	28	21.1	18.8	89.1	11	35
Populatic.....	*Mabel H. Perry.....	20	19.2	18.4	96.3	10	40
Unionville.....	Bertha E. Ellis	25	19.1	17.7	92.6	7	91
	Total for 1898-9.....	726	585.1	532.1	90.9	502	997
	Total for 1897-8.....	714	547.9	508.8	92.5	454	877
	Totals for 1896-7.....	719	586.6	533.7	90.9	650	1062
	Totals for 1895-6.....	716	558.7	510.6	91.3	891	817
	Totals for 1894-5.....	736	560.17	510.52	90.4	782	747
	Totals for 1893-4.....	938	660.8	559.8	90.3	1339	630
	Totals for 1892-3.....	883	752.2	681.7	90.6	2194	1020
	Special Instructors						
	Mrs. Lizzie Treen Hosmer	Music					
	Miss Adra R. Mason.....	Art					
	Mrs. Nellie Willard.....	Sten-	ogra-	phy			
Districts Transported.	*Drivers.*						
Mount.....	Alfred F. Everett.....						
North Franklin..	Ed. P. Proctor.....						
South Franklin...	John H. Tyler.....						

* For only a portion of the school year.

Miss King again this year has the fewest tardinesses reported, viz.: six.

COMPARISON OF FRANKLIN WITH NEIGHBORING TOWNS. 1897-8.

NAME OF TOWNS.	VALUATION.	Population, State Census 1895.	Number of all Pupils of all Ages in Public Schools.	Number of Children Between 5 and 15 in Public Schools.	Amount Expended for all School Purposes.	Amount raised by taxation and Expended for schools, including wages, transportation, fuel, care of fires and school rooms.	Percent. of valuation appropriated to public schools, equivalent to mills and hundredths of mills.	Sum appropriated by town for each child between 5 and 15 years
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Bellingham	$ 742,335	1401	301	242	$ 5046 25	$ 3822 82	.005-65	$17.36
Franklin	2,915,440	5136	714	724	15251 58	11311 37	.004-07	*16.412
Dedham	8,006,270	6188	1492	1166	96406 17	30694 95	.003 83	26.325
Hyde Park	9,328,235	11026	2063	2190	45184 69	37062 02	.003-97	16.923
Medway	1,141,435	2913	599	468	10102 18	7700 00	.005-45	16.452
Milford	5,447,808	8959	1649	1388	29135 72	21865 05	.004-01	15.752
Norfolk	520,337	882	1000	154	3391 57	2235 17	.00-457	15.442
Norwood	3,686,175	4572	1020	926	21300 36	15245 48	.004-13	16.463
Walpole	2,389,038	2904	627	537	12977 08	10575 00	.004-58	20.412
Wrentham	1,469,340	2584	584	450	10526 17	8456 00	.006-06	19.804

Compiled from the Annual Report of the State Board of Education, 1897-8, and verified.

Milford is added to the list because it is a near neighbor. It did not seem wise to print these statistics for the twenty-eight towns now in the county. Franklin differs from Millis and Braintree in "per cent. of valuation appropriated to the public schools" by only five one-hundreds of a mill (.00005). Milton, Sharon, Brookline, Cohasset were omitted because of their great wealth and different social conditions.

By columns H and I of the above table Franklin, one of the richer towns in this neighborhood, has also one of the *least* appropriations for pupils, between the ages of five and fifteen, of any of the ten. The average of the ten for each child between five and fifteen is $18.135, or $1.725 more than the cost per child in Franklin. Westwood of this county appropriates $39.629 per child; Brookline, $38.672. All the towns of the county, with the exception of Norfolk and Stoughton, appropriate more per child between five and fifteen than Franklin does.

The average expense per child, between five and fifteen for the county, is $21.39.

If our pupils cost only the average of the ten, $18.35 x 729 = $13285.40, plus expense for repairs, books, sundries, clerk, $1674.97 less state funds and tuition received, $413.87 = $14546.50, amount necessary to be raised by taxation for *all* school expenses; or at the average rate of the county $15486.36 plus the above named expenses = $16747.46; or at the rate of Westwood of this county $28592.12 plus

* For the state during the same period and computed on the *same basis*, the average is $19.02, an excess over Franklin of $2.61.

the above named expenses $30852.22, almost thrice our expense.

In view of these figures is there just cause for complaint at the size of former or future appropriations for school purposes?

Column I of the table above is from the SWORN STATEMENTS of the *school committees* of the different towns and published by the state. It includes the amount per pupils, between the ages of five and fifteen, raised by taxes for wages, transportation, fuel, care of buildings, plus the amount of dog license in the case of Franklin. It does not include the amounts for books and repairs, sundries, clerk. Tables for comparison are very misleading unless the items in each are identical.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Board of School Committee of Franklin:

For the year ending Jan. 31, 1899, we have investigated nineteen cases of alleged truancy or absences from school without excuse. With few exceptions, it was found that the pupils were either sick or out of school, with the knowledge of parents, for a short time only. In every case talk with the parents and admonishing the pupil has corrected the evil without more severe measures.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON E. NEWELL,
ANTHONY CONNOR,
Truant Officers.

TWENTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT OF THE HORACE MANN HIGH SCHOOL.

PROGRAMME.

"Commencement March," Class of '98.

Invocation,

REV. C. W. LONGREN.

Song, "'Tis Morn, ... *Guild*

HIGH SCHOOL.

Salutatory, Our National Songs,

MISS ELSIE V. TRASK.

Address, .

PROF. WILLIAM G. WARD.

Piano Solo, "Polonaise Brillante," . . *Otto Fleisner*

MISS ALICE M. PAUL.

Essay and Valedictory, Gladstone, the Worker,

MR. ALEXANDER C. EWEN.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Song, "Ave Maria," . . . . . *from Loreley*

CHORUS BY YOUNG LADIES.

Benediction,

REV. C. W. LONGREN.

"*Labor Omnia Vincit*," Class of '98.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Alexander Cantlay Ewen,
Walter Alberton Hills,
Alice Maud Paul,
Elsie Verona Trask.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Clarence Edson Abbott,
Jennie Frances Cook,
Claude Isaac Lewis.

COMMERCIAL COURSE (Special).

Rubie Maie Wales.

Reports of Town Officers.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Voters of Franklin:

The Board of Selectmen for the year 1898 organized with J. Cushing Gallison as chairman.

The members all being without experience in the official conduct of town affairs were in a measure handicapped, and desire to testify emphatically to the efficient aid given by Mr. Nelson E. Newell, reappointed Secretary to the Board. He has been a most faithful officer.

The appropriation for roads and bridges has been exceeded several hundred dollars. The unprecedented snow-storms of February and November entailed a great expense, which no human power could foresee or prevent. In common with other communities, we found ourselves unable to open the streets and roads, excepting by the slow and expensive process of shovelling. It is, however, a source of consolation that the "Act of Providence" gave much needed employment to our own citizens.

In addition to the unavoidable "patching" required by over one hundred miles of road, we have, following the wise example of our predecessors, endeavored to construct a certain amount of road permanently.

In the interest of public safety and to forestall litigation, a large number of the most important bridges have been thoroughly replanked and railed. These will last several years.

The matter of guide-boards should receive prompt attention, and a specific sum appropriated for establishing a complete system. Nothing adds more to the appearance of thrift in a community.

We recommend the sale of the steam engine and boiler, now idle in the quarry, unless a stone-crusher and other necessary machinery be purchased to operate the plant.

The question of the extension of Dean Avenue to Central Street is one to receive careful attention. The opportunity to improve our village now offered may be lost, and future years bring regret and deserved criticism.

We believe that the town should take positive action in the matter of abolishing the Union Street grade crossing. By vote of the town last March, the subject of abolishing this crossing was left in the hands of the Selectmen. A request in writing was sent to the officials of the railroad for any facts bearing upon the subject in their possession. We were informed that the matter had been referred to their president and a reply received Feb. 15 stated that the company had no plans it cared to present to the board, but would be very glad to receive any suggestions the board may have to offer. We suggest that the matter be continued in the hands of the selectmen with further instructions as to future action by the town.

In constructing gutters of concrete, we have worked along the lines adopted by our predecessors, believing it economy to thus provide for the disposition of surface water.

The great problem of electric roads entering our town has given your board much earnest study. In granting a location to the Milford, Woonsocket and Attleboro Street Railway, we have endeavored to occupy the middle ground of conservatism. While guarding faithfully the interests and rights of the town, we have tried to avoid the opposite extreme, thereby endangering the enterprise.

The ownership of the Franklin Water Works has passed from the hands of distant capitalists into those of our own townsmen. We believe that the welfare of the town in this matter will be regarded by the new owners with friendly interest.

The request of citizens for a "curfew ordinance" was carefully considered. We were of the unanimous opinion that without some specific action by the town, we had no power in the matter.

The question is of great importance, and we hope will receive attention at the hands of the voters.

The experiment of providing healthy labor for tramps, in part payment for their entertainment, has proven a success, and much reduced the nuisance.

We have endeavored, so far as possible, to have the bills in every department presented within the year. The ancient method of carrying over unpaid bills is misleading.

The money used the past year on the highways has been expended as follows:

Emmons	Street,	$22 50
Ray	"	12 00
Arlington	"	11 00
High	"	13 25
Beaver	"	45 00
Howard	"	10 00
Crescent	"	23 00
Beach	"	17 00
South	"	22 00
Grove	"	17 25
Spring	"	14 80
Prospect	"	37 00
Dean	Avenue,	570 50
Peck	Street,	45 50
Wachusett	"	221 20
Elm	"	25 00
Chestnut	"	64 50
Bent	"	15 00
Forest	"	25 00
Miller	"	142 90
Cottage	"	95 00
King	"	119 00
Lincoln	"	58 00
Winter	"	42 00

Summer Street.	100 00
Wash. "	104 75
Pond "	200 00
Oak "	175 00
Jordan "	50 00
Pine "	55 00
Partridge "	35 00
West "	18 00
Central "	236 65
East "	20 00
Union "	220 50
Alpine "	50 00
Worsted "	15 00
Cross "	25 00
Maple "	40 00
Fisher "	20 00
Other Streets.	53 00
Snow bills.	1,926 19
Harness repairs,	27 75
Horse,	150 00
Hay and grain.	426 04
Gravel,	50 50
Bridge lumber,	316 00
Concrete gutters,	822 34
Insurance,	22 00
Blacksmithing,	128 08
Drain pipe, tools, etc..	203 50
Surveying,	26 00
Clark Bros.' bill, repairs, etc..	55 83
Micellaneous and general expenses.	1,193 94
	$8,434 47

The following estimates for the expenses of the town for the ensuing fiscal year is respectfully submitted:

For support of schools, as estimated by the School Committee,	$13,800 00
Repairs of roads, bridges and walks,	7,000 00
Support of poor,	5,000 00

Fire Department,	2,500 00
Water supply,	4,040 00
Street lights,	3,700 00
Abatement and collection of taxes,	1,000 00
Town debt,	2,200 00
Interest,	1,300 00
Town officers,	1,500 00
Printing and stationery,	375 00
Police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic,	1,500 00
State and military aid,	500 00
Soldiers' relief,	500 00
Public library,	700 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Miscellaneous,	700 00
Insurance, town buildings,	150 00
	$36,565 00

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

ASSESSORS REPORT.

The Assessors met and organized April 12th, 1898, and made choice of William Rockwood to serve as Chairman and J. O. Chilson as Secretary. They have attended to their duties as follows:

Valuation of personal property,		$ 386,000 00
"	buildings,	1,548,200 00
"	land,	863,300 00
"	resident bank stock,	130,020 00
		$2,927,620 00

Number of polls,		1,258
Rate of taxation per $1,000,	$	16 00
State tax,		1,725 00
County tax,		2,566 96
Town grant, less corporation tax,		44,378 64
Number of houses,		999
" horses,		592
" cows,		647
" swine,		51
" sheep,		14

ABATEMENTS:

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ABATEMENTS WITH CAUSES.

Abatements for 1898.

July 20, '98, Timothy Kane heirs, real estate tax, 1896, poor and needy,	$ 9 00
July 20, '98, John Coughlin, poll tax, 1896,	2 00
July 20, '98, National Malt Co., personal estate tax, 1896, not collectible.	36 00
Total,	$47 00
Nov. 12, '98, Joseph E. Boucher, personal estate tax, 1898, over value,	$ 64
Nov. 17, '98, Frederick H. Johnson, real estate tax, 1898, over value,	3 20
Nov. 17, '98, Emma Wight, real estate tax, 1898, over do,	4 80
Nov. 17, '98, Susan Sargeant heirs, real estate tax, 1897, poor and feeble.	4 50
Nov. 30, '98, Franklin Water Co., personal estate tax, 1898, over value,	8 80
Dec. 10, '98, Davis Thayer, real estate tax, 1898, over value,	40 00
Jan. 18, '99, Benjamin W. Dalton, poll tax, 1897 and 1898,	4 00
Dec. 3, '98, J. G. Ray, real estate tax, 1898, over value,	43 60

Jan. 28, '98, Daniel W. Halloran, personal estate tax, 1894 and 1895, did not own,	7 95
Jan. 28, '98, Robert B. Stewart, personal estate tax 1895, poor,	7 03
Jan. 28, '98, Richardson Metcalf, poll tax, 1898,	2 00

Abatements for 1897 taxes. Edward H. Sherman, Collector.

Blake, Fred L., (not 20 years),	$2 00
Babcock, Edwin, left town,	2 00
Bennett, Lyman G., left town,	2 00
Bennett, Frank H., poor,	2 00
Blake, Lewis A. E., left town,	2 00
Bloedow, Julius, old age,	2 00
Bresnahan, Richard, left town,	2 00
Bishop, James W., left town,	2 15
Collins, John B., did not own,	59
Conway, James T., did not own,	1 48
Croston, Ellen, poor widow,	7 40
Champany, Joseph, left town,	2 00
Coleman, Harry, left town,	2 00
Collins, Thomas, dead,	2 00
Costello, Michael J., residence Brighton,	2 00
Coughlin, William A.,	2 00
Cox, Harry T., left town,	2 00
Campbell, Samuel, left town,	2 00
Dalton, Benjamin, poor (Jan. 10, 1899),	2 00
Darling, Eugene, left town,	2 00
Deeds, John F., left town,	2 00
Dempsey, Edward F.,	2 00
Donovan, Arthur J., left town,	2 00
Fish, Willard H.,	2 00
Frien, Thomas, left town,	2 00
George, William, pauper,	2 00
Gordon, Harry, residence elsewhere,	2 37
Guild, Charles E., residence elsewhere,	2 00
Goggins, Thomas J., left town,	2 00
Gordon, Edwin, left town,	2 00
Griffin, S. C., left town,	2 00

Haynes, Fred L., left town,	3 11
Hatfield, William J., pauper,	2 00
Howe, William H., poor,	20 95
Huntley, Josiah G., dead,	2 00
Jarlo, Julius, poverty,	2 00
Keith, Amassa H., left town,	2 00
Kelly, James, paid tax Blackstone,	2 00
Laenguirand, John, resident Woonsocket,	2 00
Laforme, Flavier, poverty,	2 00
Lauvauch, Emil, taxed in Boston,	2 00
Lawrence, David, taxed twice (Sept. 28, 1897),	34 41
Leavitt, William, left town,	2 00
Lewey, Peter, Indian,	2 00
Laroche, Alphonso, poor,	2 00
Locke, George, left town,	2 00
Lougee, William, left town,	2 00
McDonald, Henry, paid tax Watertown,	2 00
McKenzie, Daniel, dead,	2 45
Mucevoni, Giovanni, left town,	2 96
Mann, Fred E., residence Milford,	2 00
McClellan, Frank E., left town,	2 00
McMann, Peter, poor and disability,	2 00
McNamara, Peter, dead,	2 00
McDermott, John, disability,	2 00
Mitchell, John, left town,	2 00
Mignault, Ambrose, left town,	2 00
McLaughlin, John T., dead,	2 00
National Malt Co., not collectible,	29 60
Metcalf, Richardson, dead,	2 00
Neal, Frank T., left town,	2 00
O'Connor, Frank, left town,	2 00
O'Leary, Michael, residence Woonsocket,	2 00
Pisto, Toney, left town,	2 00
Porter, Albert, left town,	2 00
Paupert, Fred T., poverty,	2 00
Phillips, Joseph H., out of state,	3 48
Ryan, Martin,	37
Rawlinson, Nelson, dead,	2 00

Reilly, James, left town,	2 00
Reilly, John T., poverty,	2 00
Reilly, John F., taxed twice.	2 00
Robinson, W. Albert, disability.	2 00
Sally, Herbert, left town,	2 37
Sampier, St. Peter, left town,	2 00
Sargent, Susan heirs, poor (Nov. 2, 1898).	4 50
Stoddard, Benjamin B., left town,	2 00
Sullivan, Thomas H., left town.	2 00
Stedman, Joe, left town,	2 00
Taylor, Paul, left town,	2 00
Thomas, Charles, left town.	2 00
Willis, Edward, paid tax Oxford.	2 00
Whitney, Henry N., left town,	2 37
Whiting, Delia, did not own (Jan. 24, 1898),	5 92
Woolford, Frank, not collectible.	8 14
Wyman, Antono, left town.	2 00
	$223 79

WM. ROCKWOOD,
J. O. CHILSON,
E. P. CHAPMAN,
Assessors of Franklin.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1897–98 TAXES.

1897 Tax.

Assessments call for,	$46,936 29
Abated by Assessors for reasons given,	360 60
Amount assessments collected and paid treasurer,	$46,575 69
Interest,	237 86
Total,	$46,813 55

Of above total Franklin Nat. Bank paid,	$3,256 00
Residents paid,	$38,716 61
Non-residents paid,	4,603 08
Interest paid,	237 86
	$46,813 55

1898 TAX.

Assessments call for,	$50,826 30
Collected and paid Treasurer,	39,750 00
Balance due,	$11,076 30

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. SHERMAN,

Collector.

FRANKLIN, MASS., January 31, 1899.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

The Engineers of the Fire Department submit the following report:

Appropriated,	$2,200 00
Expended,	2,475 70

1898. FIRES.

Feb. 4—Fire in J. J. McCarthy's house, Main street; 6 p. m., no alarm, slight damage to furniture.

Feb. 15—Mrs. Maintain's house, Pond's Lane: alarm, noon, box 24; slight damage, insured.

Aug. 18—Hopkins' canning factory; no alarm; Medway department responded; total loss, insured.

Oct. 23—Charles Ackley's barn: Daniel street, 3 p. m., total loss, insured.

Nov. 14—Ellen Croston's house, Chestnut street; alarm, 5.30 p. m., box 6, slight damage, no insurance.

Nov. —E. Waite block, Union street; occupied by McCabe & Cody as grocery store, alarm, 5.30 p. m., box 24; damage $1,200; insured.

Dec. 11—Alarm, 3 a. m., box 8; fire at O. F. Metcalf box mill, total loss; no insurance.

1899. FIRES.

Jan. 7—Alarm, 8.45, box 24; fire in Joe Clark's tenement house on Union street; no damage.

Your department consists of five engineers, two engine companies, two hose companies, one hook and ladder company.

We have raised, repaired inside and outside, the engine house on Emmons street; also repaired engine house at Unionville.

We recommend twenty-five hundred dollars for the support of the fire department.

We also recommend three hundred dollars for forest fires as a separate appropriation from the fire department, as we have nothing to do with that department, it being a department by itself.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Geo. I. Peck, Clerk.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Board presents the following report for the year ending January 31, 1899:

Appropriated,		$5,000 00
Expended,	$7,591 68	
Received from other towns and almshouse,	2,803 01	
	$4,788 67	
		1,788 67
Unexpended balance,		$211 33

Due from other towns and state, $511.24.

We would recommend the sum of $5,000 for the coming year.

The calls during the past year have been very numerous, especially from women and children. The law relating to the custody of children forbids that they shall be cared for at the almshouse, hence it was necessary to aid them outside.

In regard to the management of the Town Farm, we would say that under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, the work, both inside and out, has been very satisfactorily carried out. Much interest has been shown by the supervisers, and the result of their endeavors can be seen by the report of the State Board of Health, a part of which we append herewith.

"Many repairs are needed, such as painting, papering, etc. The bath room in the basement is condemned, and ordered placed in the main part of the house." The barn and other out-buildings need shingling, and the sanitary arrangements should be improved. We would say the windmill has been painted, and new floors have been laid in part of the house and more are needed. The barn is well-filled with hay and the silo contains about thirty tons of ensilage.

We would recommend for the repairs above the sum of $1,000.

INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	*Age.*	*Weeks.*
George Daniels,	56	52
Levi C. Fisher,	89	52
J. W. McPherson,	85	52

Name.	*Age.*	*Weeks.*
Charles A. Clark,	85	52
Mary A. Gillaney,	37	52
Anna Grant,	20	18
Clara Watkins,		5
*Mrs. Charles Clark,	49	16
Charles Clark,	53	19
Martin Hunt,		8
P. McParland,		10
Patrick Phillips,		9
Mrs. Patrick Phillips,		2
P. Holbrook, (boarder)		52
Superintendent's family, house servant, hired men and tramps,		223
Total number of weeks,		622

* *Deceased.*

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. EMERSON,
S. Y. REED,
HIRAM WHITING,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD HEALTH

FRANKLIN, MASS., February 12, 1899.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN:

The Board of Health, in presenting its report for the year, takes pleasure in saying that while the severe weather of the present winter has caused a considerable number of deaths, the health of the people of Franklin for the entire year has been above that of some preceding years. Malarial dis-

eases have been frequent, but there has been some diminution in the number and severity of cases. It is a satisfaction to be able to report that no case of scarlet fever or diphtheria has been reported to the Board the past year. An epidemic of measles has been, and is now, prevailing. Twelve cases have been reported to this Board, and there are other cases which have not been reported. No case of whooping cough or of small pox has been reported. There have been, however, four cases of typhoid fever. Attention is called to this fact, this disease being one due to defilement of water by drainage from sources of animal filth, human excrement, etc. The number of cess-pools now existing and the lack of sewerage are a constant menace to the health and life of the people of this town. If sewerage is not provided, the time is not far distant when this disease will become far more common in Franklin than it is at present.

Not many complaints have been made to this Board the past year. In all cases in which proper complaints have been made, the Board has made suitable investigation, and the evil complained of has been removed or remedied.

The remaining members of the Board of Health regret very much the resignation, on account of a contemplated removal from town, of their fellow member for the past two years, Mr. William H. Colby. Mr. Colby has been a useful and respected member of the Board.

This Board has issued two licenses to undertakers and two butchers' licenses during the year.

For the Board of Health,

DWIGHT M. HODGE,

Secretary.

REPORT OF LIQUOR OFFICER.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report as Liquor

Officer for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1899:

I have sworn out 11 search warrants and made seizure in two cases. In one the liquor was forfeited to the state. The other places I did not get anything but hop beer. A number of places have been reported and an investigation made, but nothing found. The express companies have done quite a business, and I do not have a very good show to convict them of illegalities.

ANTHONY CONNOR,
Liquor Officer.

REPORT OF LOCK-UP KEEPER.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I would submit the following report as Keeper of Lockup. Number of tramps for year ending January 31st, in Lockup, 536. Prisoners detained, 40.

ANTHONY CONNOR,
Keeper of Lockup.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY R. JENKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

RECEIPTS.

1898.		
Feb. 1,	Balance in Treasury,	$4,071 70
	Town of Wrentham for Misses Jillson,	96 00
	" Norfolk " Wm. Fisher,	66 00

Town of Walpole	" Willard Stocker,	114 00
" Medway	" Mrs. MacConnell,	114 32
" Cohasset, on pauper account,		107 93
State Treasurer, balance corporation tax, 1897,		4 23
E. H. Sherman, collector, balance of 1896 taxes,		295 17
" " " 1897	"	9,454 52
" " interest on 1897	"	237 86
Wm. Rockwood, " balance of 1895	"	600 00
" " interest on "	"	26 30
Billiard and pool table licenses,		10 00
Circus licenses,		13 00
License to sell fireworks,		8 00
Oscar Morrell, state peddler's license,		10 00
Charles Whiting, 4 marking posts,		2 00
A. B. Endicott, fine of Wm. Lunzell,		5 00
N. Y. & N. H. R. R. Co., for repairs on road and bridge at Unionville,		128 15
O. T. Doe, fines in trial justice cases,		80 11
District Court, for fines received,		160 00
B. F. Savings Bank, interest on L. Pond fund,		37 85
From town farm, for produce sold,		2,371 61
E. D. Daniels, school tuition,		138 18
Auctioneer's license,		1 00
E. P. Blackmar, grass on common,		5 00
Country Treasurer, dog tax licenses,		580 15
State " education of children,		89 00
" " income of Mass. school fund,		244 43
" " corporation tax, 1898,		4,637 53
" " national bank tax, 1898,		250 38
" " military aid " 1897,		117 50
" " state " " "		1,184 00
" " burial of soldiers,		35 00
E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1898,		39,750 00
Franklin National Bank, borrowed money,		22,500 00
Martin Hunt's state aid,		4 00
Total,		$87,549 92

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY R. JENKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid superintendent's and teachers' salaries,	9,426 45
" for janitors' services,	993 50
" for school fuel,	799 30
" for transportation of scholars,	1,375 00
" for repairs of school buildings,	564 01
Miscellaneous school expenses,	424 67
Text books and supplies,	974 33
Total school expenses,	$14,557 26
Paid for repairs of roads and bridges,	$8,434 47
" for street lights,	3,702 00
" to town officers,	1,479 99
" to police officers,	756 70
" for printing and stationery,	412 92
" on town notes,	24,700 00
" for interest,	1,271 02
Abatement and collecting of taxes,	1,732 10
Franklin Water Co., hydrant supply,	4,040 00
State bank and county taxes,	5,719 24
Special appropriations,	800 00
Military aid,	275 00
State "	1,224 00
Soldiers' relief,	476 59
Support of outside poor,	3,182 38
" " almshouse,	4,409 30
For concrete walks,	394 54
Support of fire department,	2,475 70
Miscellaneous town expenses,	1,769 73
Suppression of liquor traffic,	683 00
Total,	$67,938 68

Total school expenses,	14,557 26
Total,	$67,938 68
Balance in Treasury,	5,053 98
	$87,549 92

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Directors of the Franklin Library Association present the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1899:

The hours for public use of the Library and reading-room are from 2 to 5:30 and from 6:30 to 9 P. M. on week days, except legal holidays; during August, the Library is opened only on Saturday evenings.

The number of persons drawing books for home use was 579; the number of books taken out was 9,453. There have been 124 new books purchased; 54 bound volumes have been donated by friends, and 24 volumes of Public Documents and Reports have been received.

A new supplement has been issued containing the books added to the Library since 1895.

Some shelves open to the public have been put up, so that anyone can consult the principal works of reference without application to the Librarian.

It is a significant fact that the reading-room has an increasing patronage, especially among the young; and in order to defray the necessary expenses of the Library, we respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of $700 for the ensuing year.

Since the last annual meeting of the Franklin Library Association, three prominent members have been removed by death, Rev. Wm. M. Thayer, Mr. James M. Freeman and Hon. Wm. F. Ray. Mr. Freeman was one of the eight charter members, and served on the first board of Directors in 1872. Mr. Ray become one of the Directors in 1879. Mr. Thayer served continuously on the Board of Directors from 1873 to the time of his death. Himself a maker of books, he had that love for good literature which made him give his time, his labor and hundreds of books for the public use. His interest in the Library was unfailing, and we feel that the cause has lost an unselfish, faithful and beneficent friend.

MARY A. WIGGIN,
For the Directors.

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SCHOOLS.

Teachers' Salaries.

	NO. WEEKS.	
Paid Caroline Atkins,	19	$190 00
Annie Bright,	12 1-5	122 00
Arthur W. Blake,	12	155 00
Lucy B. Connors,	19	171 10
E. N. Daniels, sub.,		15 00
Gertrude Daniels, sub.,		8 00
Rebecca Dunning,	38	380 00
E. D. Daniels, Supt. and Principal,		1,800 00
Bertha Ellis,	38	370 00
Charles Frazer,	37	305 00
E. D. Farrell,	18 4-5	188 00
Hattie Gay, sub.,		8 50
Mabel Gilmore, sub.,		28 50
Kate Healey, sub.,		2 35
Timothy Healey,		2 75
L. T. Hosmer,	39 (Music)	312 00
Bertha Hood,	38	351 50
Pearl Jacobs,	38	351 50
F. E. King,	40	532 50
Ellen A. Kennedy,	7	70 00
Theresa D. Lewis,	18 4-5	188 00
Adra R. Mason,	(Drawing)	163 75
Emily T. Morse,	36	360 00
A. F. O'Hara,	28 3-5	464 75
Ida H. Perry,	19	161 50
Isabelle Reilly,	36 2-5	419 75

	NO. WEEKS.	
Paid Elizabeth Shaw,	20	200 00
Margaret M. Sullivan,	19	161 50
Lucy Tower,	37 4-5	378 00
R. E. Volger,	18 3-5	186 00
Florent Whitmore,	19 3-5	245 00
Grace C. Whiting,	40	670 00
Frank H. Wilkins,	20	234 00
Nellie M. Willard, sub.,		30 00
Total,		$9,426 45

FOR JANITORS.

Paid Benjamin K. Bennett,	$ 28 50
William Dove,	392 00
John Dunning,	28 50
Daniel W. Fisher,	9 00
Joseph Guild,	227 50
Timothy J. Healey,	220 50
Charles Knowlton,	28 50
Emily F. Morse,	21 00
Walter McLellan,	11 50
Ralph Newcomb,	11 50
M. M. Sullivan,	7 50
Alexander Smith,	7 50
Total,	$993 50

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid American Book Co.,	$109 10
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	166 83
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	4 20

Paid W. A. DePew,	8 45
Emerson school of oratory,	4 20
Ellis Pub. Co.,	12 22
Franklin Ed. Co.,	22 05
Farrington & Gushee, supplies,	5 00
Ginn & Co.,	91 67
D. C. Heath & Co.,	28 33
J. L. Hammant & Co.,	228 27
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	14 54
W. D. Jackson,	7 20
Geo. F. King & Co.,	15 60
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	5 70
Lovell Arms Co.,	5 70
Adra R. Mason,	6 25
Patent Book Holder Co.,	14 47
Rand, McNally & Co.,	23 35
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	126 81
The Morse Co.,	11 62
Clara Nixon,	4 20
Wheelock & Davis,	11 60
Wm. Ware & Co.,	13 28
J. S. Wesby & Son,	7 90
Various small bills,	25 79
Total,	$974 33

FOR SCHOOL FUEL.

Paid Alex. M. Haggart, coal,	$600 38
Arthur Pendleton, labor,	1 63
Wilton A. Pond, wood,	195 66
Alex. Smith, labor,	1 63
Total,	$799 30

FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Paid Jeremiah Buckley,	$ 12 50
Alfred F. Everett,	315 00
Wm. G. Greenup,	13 20
Don H. Johnson,	13 20
Edward P. Proctor,	629 50
John Tyler,	362 00
Charles C. Tufts,	3 90
Mary E. Woodward,	3 80
C. H. Woodward,	9 60
C. E. Woodward,	12 30
Total,	$1,375 00

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid Jas. W. Allen,	$16 50
Oramel B. Blake,	9 25
F. A. Bright,	2 50
W. E. Crowninshield,	12 50
Franklin Ed. Co.,	6 25
Joseph G. Guild,	50 50
Jos. T. Hutchinson,	192 65
Hosie Bros.,	48 54
Kervin R. Jewett,	9 25
Lawrence J. Kelly,	3 75
Bernard Maguire,	64 30
O. F. Metcalf & Sons,	142 97
Various small bills,	5 05
Total,	$564 01

FOR MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid J. W. Allen,	$ 5 50
Anthony Connor, truant officer,	8 00

Paid M. F. Conroy, stamps, etc.,	14 08
Joseph Breck & Sons,	6 50
E. D. Daniels, expenses,	22 40
Wm. Dove,	5 61
Mrs. W. Daniels, water,	9 00
L. W. Daniels,	12 50
Franklin Water Co., water,	25 00
Joseph G. Guild,	13 70
John D. Hatch,	4 25
Hosie Bros.,	86 37
J. T. Hutchinson,	8 50
Carl B. Johnson,	18 85
Kervin R. Jewett,	5 15
A. H. Morse estate,	17 00
Bernard Maguire,	4 35
A. C. Mason & Co.,	4 85
John Moley,	5 25
N. E. Newell, school census, etc.,	33 25
Razee & Son,	19 70
Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co., lights,	23 59
Wm. A. Wyckoff, clerk,	50 00
Miscellaneous bills,	21 27
Total,	$424 67

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Appropriated,	$13,500 00
Received, school tuition,	138 18
" " " pauper children,	89 00
" dog licenses,	580 15
" income Mass. school fund,	244 43
Total receipts,	$14,551 76
Expended,	14,557 26
Overdrawn,	5 50

FOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND WALKS.

Paid American Ins. Co., insurance, barn,	$ 22 00
F. M. Ballou & Co., concrete gutters.	822 34
Clark Machine Co., repairs, etc.,	55 83
John G. Cunningham, horse.	150 00
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	69 40
Hosie Bros., tools, etc.,	173 07
Geo. Knibb, harness work,	27 75
Franklin Water Co., water at barn,	9 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, lumber and grain,	291 49
T. L. Martin, drain pipe and labor,	39 18
G. C. Fisher, hay,	51 00
Metcalf & Carter, gravel,	10 00
H. B. Miller, hay,	22 64
M. J. Long, stone,	4 80
A. J. Newell, posts, etc.,	5 00
J. F. Ray, grain and hay,	133 47
Ray Woolen Co., repairs on road,	60 65
F. A. Rogers, blacksmithing,	58 68
O. S. Stetson, hay,	195 06
Ray Fabric Co., blankets,	7 50
Robert Rogers, surveying.	22 00
S. C. Taft, "	4 00
Wm. Tower, posts,	8 40
E. S. Cook, gravel,	33 75
John Corbett estate, gravel.	6 75
W. H. Bright, lumber,	15 00
Labor on time book,	3,400 76
Chas. S. Rand, supt., 53 weeks,	795 00
Removal of snow Feb., 1898,	952 97
" " Nov., "	971 13
Miscellaneous bills,	15 85
Total,	$8,434 47

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$7,000 00
Received, N. E. R. R.,	128 15

" manure sold,	18 94
" 4 marking posts,	2 00
Total,	$7,149 09
Expended,	8,434 47
Overdrawn,	$1,285 38

FOR CONCRETE WALKS.

Paid M. F. Ballou & Co.,	$394 54
Appropriated,	500 00
Unexpended,	$105 46

FOR SUPPORT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid N. B. Stone and wife, salary,	$762 29
" " cash and expenses,	213 41
Robert Rafers, labor,	120 00
Charles Tingley,	122 15
Anton Wyman,	18 15
L. Inkers,	40 00
H. R. Howe,	47 10
J. A. Gurnam,	25 00
W. Gardner,	19 74
Herbert Griffin,	39 20
E. Schauer,	87 50
John Haberly,	17 00
Arthur Bradley and wife,	133 33
Charles Smith,	25 37
R. Smith,	36 45
Joseph Mellett,	11 38
O. L. Bullard, on ensilage,	39 75
Geo. A. Allen, team work,	90 50

Paid Frank Gay, labor,	17 50
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	47 60
A. I. Fiske, fish,	16 11
J. S. Henry, cow,	50 00
John G. Cunningham, cows, etc.,	65 75
James McEwen, pasturing,	18 30
John A. Andrews, groceries,	7 97
Alex. M. Haggart, coal,	121 55
Marston Sanborn, dry goods,	18 62
Spring Pond Ice Co., ice, etc.,	10 04
J. M. Parker, sled and fertilizer,	94 00
H. R. Jenks, plow, etc.,	6 20
C. W. Stewart, manure,	9 00
A. C. Dana & Son, medicines,	45 95
Farrington & Gushee, burial, etc.,	36 76
Oriental Tea Co.,	27 35
Spence and Granger,	9 05
North Packing Co., supplies,	13 07
Charles Stone, "	11 96
W. H. Raymond, "	32 85
C. L. Fales & Co., "	86 15
E. E. Paine, fish,	9 46
J. F. Ray, grain,	335 37
R. S. Harding, 3 cows,	130 00
O. F. Metcalf & Son, grain, etc.,	265 98
Geo. E. Emerson, supplies,	259 13
W. L. Arnold, 2 cows,	107 00
Capen, Sprague & Co., supplies,	7 30
C. W. Leonard & Co., disinfectant,	14 28
Thompson & Hanson, cow,	45 00
A. F. Bates, supplies,	21 35
F. Putnam & Co., supplies,	13 50
Geo. A. Fales, "	19 08
R. & J. Farquer, seeds,	4 73
Bartlett Bros., supplies,	39 76
Elbridge, Baker & Bain, supplies,	92 15
R. B. Stewart, cow,	35 00
Hosie Bros., miscellaneous,	71 14

Paid Broad Gage Iron Works,	7 00
Road department, manure,	18 94
G. A. Martin, medical attendance,	43 50
T. L. Martin, veterinary,	17 00
John Murphy, carpenter work,	8 25
Carl B. Johnson, paper and advertising,	9 55
W. K. Gilmore, flour,	51 00
D. P. Moran, shoes, etc.,	13 00
Jog Along Clothing Co., clothing,	26 53
L. J. Kelley, carpenter work,	5 00
Walter Morse, labor,	24 75
R. G. Gilmore, labor,	17 45
Hannah Crowley, labor in house,	13 50
M. L. Cheney, exchange on cows,	10 00
James Corbett, labor,	14 00
Martin L. Hall, beans,	6 18
Miscellaneous bills, labor,	20 88
Miscellaneous bills,	38 44
Total,	4,409 30

FOR OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for insane,	$126 29
" Insane Asylum, "	326 39
" Medfield Insane Asylum, for insane,	74 00
Mrs. Peter George, for daughter,	124 00
Mary Quinn,	65 00
Willard Stocker,	74 00
William Fisher,	92 00
Addie Jillson and sister,	96 00
Paid for J. D. Fisher, to C. L. Fales & Co., supplies,	108 00
W. Rollinson, to G. E. Emerson, supplies,	21 54
White and Nurse, to City of Boston,	83 60
John Madden, to G. E. Emerson, supplies,	20 57
Edward Brown, " " "	5 99

Paid for Grant child, Mrs. Skinner,	43 00
Mrs. Cornell, to E. K. Ray, rent,	104 00
Daniel Daily, to City of Lowell,	12 00
Mrs. Minot, T. M. Turner & Co., supplies,	107 93
Peter Mahon, Hersey and Martin, medical at.,	7 65
Carriages, to E. F. Ware,	9 75
Mrs. Pitman, to H. H. Peasey,	5 00
Geo. E. Rich, to City of Boston,	11 60
J. Lloyd, to town of Wrentham,	3 75
John Henry, to J. F. Ray, coal,	6 50
Murphy child, P. Feeley,	4 00
Martha White, to G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	4 00
Lewis Hawkins, to D.P.A. Jacoby, med. attendance,	25 00
Hattie Despar, to A. J. Gallison, med. attendance,	2 00
Mrs. Cody, to J. B. McKinnon, supplies,	129 86
Geo. Granger, to J. B. McKinnon, supplies,	3 00
" to C. L. Fales, "	11 00
Paul Richardson, to J. F. Ray,	16 75
" " " A. M. Haggart, coal,	3 50
" " " G. E. Emerson, supplies,	34 89
" " " town farm, wood,	4 00
Louis Tatro, to J. F. Ray, coal,	3 50
" " " G. E. Emerson, supplies,	3 50
M. Savage family, T. J. Curley, supplies,	227 50
" City of Worcester,	2 00
" Town of Milford,	19 38
John Cauldwell family, aid,	60 00
" " Solon Abbott, med. attendance,	21 00
" " R. B. Stewart, nursing,	17 00
Hatfield family, to J. F. Ray, coal,	9 50
" " " G. E. Emerson, supplies,	59 79
" " " Solon Abbott, med. attend.,	43 00
" " " Miscellaneous,	4 50
L. H. Marsh, to D. W. Corson, supplies,	52 87
" " " T. M. Turner & Co., supplies,	63 09
" " " A. M. Haggart, coal,	5 50
Mrs. Kingsley, aid,	16 00
" " to McCabe & Cody, supplies,	45 30

A. M. Haggart, coal,	3 50
Paid for Mrs. Chas. Clark, to F. M. Richardson,	15 42
" " " to J. C. Gallison,	43 75
Louis Paron, to G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	25 00
Mary Phillips, to " " " "	8 00
Geo. Winn, " " " " "	4 50
P. Henry, " " " " "	4 50
Patrick Francis, to G. A. Martin, med. attend.,	16 00
Salina Tyler, to J. C. Gallison, " "	9 00
J. Joyal, " " " " "	9 00
Munroe boy, " Solon Abbott, " "	15 00
Burial Frank O'Connor, Farrington & Gushee,	9 00
" Louis Paron, " "	15 00
" Charles Blake, " "	20 00
" G. E. Young, " "	20 00
" Grant child, " "	8 00
" O. Henry, " "	18 00
Geo. Vancove, to G. E. Emerson, supplies,	13 80
" " " G. A. Martin, med. attend.,	10 50
John Riley, to McCabe & Cody, supplies,	4 70
" " " G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	2 00
" " " A. M. Haggart, coal,	5 25
Wm. George, aid,	90 00
" " to J. C. & A. J. Gallison, med. at.,	9 50
" " " G. A. Martin, med. attendance,	24 25
" " " C. M. Allen, milk,	23 03
" " " N. R. Bates, supplies,	38 17
Eliza Boyle, " G. E. Emerson, supplies,	1 24
" " " McCabe & Cody,	41 02
Mrs. Mosier, " A. P. Woodward, rent,	18 00
" " " A. J. Gallison, med. attend.,	15 50
Rose Phillips, to W. H. Norton, supplies,	39 00
" " " Ellsworth & Abbott, supplies,	44 56
" " " Kate Sanborn, med. attend.,	16 00
" " " H. McIntosh, med. attend.,	14 00
Jackson family, to E. K. Ray, rent,	28 00
" " " J. C. Gallison, med. attend.,	7 00
" " " G. E. Emerson, supplies,	5 63

Paid for Jackson family to J. F. Ray, coal,	19 50
" " " O. F. Metcalf & Sons, wood,	3 00
" " miscellaneous,	6 36
Sundry bills, miscellaneous,	39 21
Total,	$3,182 38

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$5,000 00
Received, from town of Wrentham,	96 00
" " " " Norfolk,	66 00
" " " " Walpole,	114 00
" " " " Cohasset,	107 93
" " " " Medway,	114 32
Town farm, produce sold,	2,304 76
Total,	$7,803 01
Expended,	7,591 68
Unexpended.	211 33
"	66 85
Total,	$278 18

NOTE. Item of $66.85, which appears in Treasurer's receipts, was put in after report of Overseers was made up.

FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid John G. Cunningham, chief,	$40 00
Wm. Buckley, engineer,	20 00
James B. McKinnon, engineer,	20 00
Edgar A. Metcalf, "	20 00
Geo. I. Peck, "	20 00
F. M. Ballou & Co., concreting,	44 75
Combination Ladder Co., material,	14 40
James Follensbee, repairs, Unionville.	8 95
Charles Hebert, lunch at fire,	10 00
J. T. Hutchinson, painting,	4 60

Paid K. R. Jewett, cartage,	6 00
Inez L. Jones, rent,	15 00
J. W. Heaton estate, rent,	20 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, supplies,	9 98
L. J. Kelly, carpenter work,	21 28
M. J. Hart, Jr., repairs, Emmons Street,	590 00
Cataract Engine Co., men,	370 00
Emerson Hook & Ladder Co., men,	195 00
Herdic Hose Co., "	150 00
Hose Co. No. 1, "	180 00
Ray Engine Co., men,	375 00
E. H. Sherman, 87 firemen's poll taxes,	174 00
W. E. M. & P. Co., lights and repairs,	87 00
A. L. Pierce, electrical work,	15 00
Geo. M. Stevens, repairs,	6 30
Town of Medway, fire service,	18 25
H. A. Worthley, lunch at fire,	21 75
E. F. Ware, carriage,	2 50
H. Shumsky, drawing engine,	4 25
Harry Spence, steward,	7 22
Various persons, forest fires,	110 48
" " labor,	93 99
Total,	$2,475 70

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$2,200 00
Expended,	2,475 70
Overdrawn,	275 70

FOR STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co., 12 months,	$3,702 00

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$3,700 00
Overdrawn,	2 00
Total,	$3,702 00

FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Elisha P. Chapman, Assessor,	$130 00
James O. Chilson, Assessor,	187 50
John B. Collins, Registrar,	5 25
O. B. Carter, Teller,	6 00
John B. Costello, Teller	5 00
Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk and Registrar,	187 17
James W. Desmond, Registrar	24 00
Fred L. Davis, Dog Officer,	25 00
Geo. E. Emerson, Overseer,	150 00
Dwight M. Hodge, Board of Health,	25 00
Henry R. Jenks, Treasurer,	225 00
Wm. F. King, Animal Inspector,	100 00
James E. Kelly, Registrar,	4 50
Wm. A. Moore, Ballot Clerk,	1 50
Nathan C. Nye, Registrar,	15 12
Nelson E. Newell, Auditor and Clerk,	105 95
Samuel Y. Reed, Overseer,	37 50
Bradley M. Rockwood, Registrar,	23 50
Wm. Rockwood, Assessor,	147 00
Hiram Whiting, Selectman,	75 00
Total,	$1,479 99

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$1,500 00
Expended,	1,479 99
Unexpended,	20 01

FOR SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Paid Anthony Connor,	$634 00
Chas. R. Gowen.	36 25
J. T. Hutchinson,	9 25
K. R. Jewett,	3 50
Total,	683 00

FOR POLICE.

Paid E. P. Blackmar, food for tramps,	6 39
Charles Badger, special,	2 50
Wm. G. Cody, special,	6 50
C. R. Gowen, "	17 50
F. L. Davis, "	5 00
D. W. Fisher, "	23 00
K. R. Jewett, "	4 00
Walter Lovelace, "	2 50
J. T. Hutchinson, special,	2 25
John G. Cunningham, carriage,	3 75
E. F. Ware, carriage,	4 75
A. H. Morse estate, rent of lockup,	56 25
W. E. M. & P. Co., lights,	22 31
Wm. Redpath, services,	600 00
Total,	$756 70

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$1,500 00
Expended, police and suppression of illegal liquor selling,	1,439 70
Unexpended,	60 30

FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid E. L. Burdakin, for Assessors,	$15 00
Henry F. Beale, for Town Clerk,	3 50
Carl B. Johnson, Town Reports,	205 10
" " voting lists,	28 00
" " for Assessors,	35 75
" " Board of Health,	11 00
" " miscellaneous,	108 65
P. B. Murphy, license blanks,	1 50
N. E. Newell, blanks,	1 17
M. R. Warren,	3 25
Total,	$412 92

Summary:—	
Appropriated,	$350 00
Expended,	412 92
Overdrawn,	62 92

FOR NOTES.

Paid Thomas D. Blake, High School note,	$2,200 00
Appropriated,	2,200 00

FOR TEMPORARY NOTES.

Paid Franklin National Bank,	$12,500 00
Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank,	10,000 00
Total,	$22,500 00

FOR INTEREST.

Paid Thomas D. Blake, High School loan,	$396 00
Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank, on notes,	212 78
Franklin National Bank, on notes,	582 24
Odd Fellows, note,	80 00
Total,	$1,271 02
Summary:—	
Appropriated,	$1,500 00
Expended,	1,271 02
Unexpended,	228 98

FOR ABATEMENTS AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

John Creighton, tax of 1896,	2 00
Timothy Kane Heirs, tax of 1896,	9 00
National Malt Co., tax of 1896,	36 00
Daniel W. Halloran, tax of 1895,	7 95
Robert B. Stewart, tax of 1895,	7 03
Various persons, tax of 1895,	265 68
Wm. Rockwood, collecting of 1895 tax,	482 95
Edward H. Sherman, collecting of 1896 tax,	568 66
" " " " 1897 "	352 83
Total,	$1,732 10

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$1,000 00
Expended,	1,732 10
Overdrawn,	732 10

FOR WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Franklin Water Co.,	$4,040 00
Appropriated,	4,040 00

FOR STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAXES.

Paid C. H. Smith, Co. Treas., county tax,	$2,566 96
Treasurer of Mass., State tax,	1,725 00
" " National Bank tax,	1,425 28
" " for Overseers of Poor to report neglect,	2 00
Total,	$5,719 24

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Geo. W. Wiggin, Treasurer,	$700 00
Appropriated,	700 00

FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Edwin A. Mason, for Post 60, G. A. R.,	$100 00
Appropriated.	100 00

FOR MILITARY AID.

Paid Pliny A. Holbrook, 12 months,	$240 00	
Burial N. S. Grow,	35 00	
		$275 00

FOR STATE AID.

Paid Emma J. Ackley,	11	months,	$44 00
Celestia Ballard,	8	"	32 00
Benjamin K. Bennett,	12	"	36 00
Seth Blake,	"	"	48 00
Jane Blake,	"	"	24 00
John M. Burr,	"	"	36 00
Mary Burr,	"	"	48 00
Margaret Cass,	"	"	48 00
Julia Casey,	4	"	16 00
Cornelius Curran,	12	"	48 00
Elsie C. Day,	"	"	48 00
Nathaniel S. Grow,	6	"	24 00
James Garland,	12	"	48 00
Martin Hunt,	1	"	4 00
Henry W. Heaton,	12	"	48 00
Susan F. A. Jeffards,	"	"	48 00

Paid Clara D. Jordan,	"	"	36 00	
Annie S. Knapp,	6	"	24 00	
Helen M. King,	12	"	48 00	
Wm. Lowell,	12	"	48 00	
Jeremiah McCarthy,	4	"	16 00	
Wm. H. Miller,	3	"	12 00	
Charlotte H. Miller,	3	"	12 00	
Rosilla Newcomb,	12	"	48 00	
Michael O'Sullivan,	2	"	8 00	
Warren C. Parker,	12	"	72 00	
Geo. H. Scott,	"	"	48 00	
Annie E. Taft,	"	"	48 00	
James S. Toothacker,	"	"	72 00	
Charles Thompson,	"	"	48 00	
Geo. W. Thompson,	"	"	48 00	
Daniel W. Whiting,	2	"	8 00	
James W. Wilkinson,	7	"	28 00	
				$1,224 00
Total,				$1,499 00

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$500 00	
Received from State, burial soldiers,	35 00	
" " " Military aid,	117 50	
" " " State aid,	1,184 00	
Total,	$1,836 50	
Unexpended,		$337 50

FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid John M. Burr, aid,	$108 00	
		$108 00
For Benjamin Bennett.		
Paid F. E. Osborne, supplies,	$ 78 00	
James F. Ray, house rent and coal,	58 50	
		136 50

For Margaret Carr.

Paid J. C. Gallison, med. attendance,	$ 7 50	
Hart & O'Donnell, supplies,	60 00	
Herbert McIntosh, med. attend.,	22 00	
W. H. Norton, supplies,	46 90	
Thomas O'Reilly, rent, 9 months,	36 00	
W. L. Palmer, fuel,	37 00	
		209 40
Paid Ida Grant, care Mrs. Seth Blake,	$ 7 00	
C. H. Randall, med. attendance,		
Andrew H. Curry,	5 00	
G. A. Martin, medical attendance,		
P. Holbrook,	8 25	
N. E. Newell, expenses,	1 94	
		$22 69
Total,		$476 59

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$600 00	
Received, Carr aid,	48 00	
	$648 00	
Expended,	476 59	
Unexpended,	$171 41	

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid Eliza Boyle, cleaning,	$3 40
John M. Burr, janitor town hall,	4 50
M. F. Conroy, postage stamps,	14 00
Check book and stamps,	6 50
Criminal expenses, R. G. Fairbanks, T. J.,	5 85
" " O. T. Doe, T. J.,	82 90
" " District court,	75 39
Hector Robertson case,	6 50
J. B. Fitzpatrick,	2 35

H. R. Jenks, insurance on school houses,	488 40
" " on almshouse and barn,	18 60
" " on engine house,	17 25
C. L. Fales & Co., supplies, T. H.,	1 09
A. J. Gallison, return births,	5 25
Johnson Electric Co., H. S. building,	340 00
Carl B. Johnson, printing town records,	464 00
Geo. King, services in Bishop case,	3 50
G. A. Martin, return of births,	14 25
Albert H. Martin, miscellaneous,	3 25
A. H. Morse estate, use opera house,	20 00
N. E. Newell, miscellaneous,	7 00
Orpin Bros., table for T. H.,	12 00
J. G. Ray, rent and heat,	115 00
Owen Shields, return of fine,	50 00
L. R. Whitaker, posting warrant,	6 00
Small bills,	2 75
Total,	$1,769 73

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$1,000 00
Fines in criminal cases,	245 11
	$1,245 11
Expended,	1,769 73
Overdrawn,	524 62

NOTE.—The large overdraw in the miscellaneous account is due, mainly, to the two items for printing town records ($464), and repairs at the High School building ($340). The balance of the appropriations made during the preceding year, under the by-laws, was covered into the treasury, so that the part of bills remaining unpaid for these purposes had to be charged to miscellaneous account.

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Auditor.

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

To personal property appraised Jan. 31, 1899,	$1,403 10	
Interest on farm, etc., 4 per cent.,	176 00	
Cash paid from treasury,	4,409 30	
		$8,988 40

Cr.

To personal property appraised Jan. Jan. 31, 1898,	$4,693 50	
Sales from farm,	2,371 61	
		$7,065 11
Net cost at almshouse,		$1,923 29
Net cost of outside poor,		2,684 13
Total net pauper expenses,		$4,607 42

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The foregoing detailed account is a correct statement of the expenditures of the town of Franklin for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1899, as shown by the books and the vouchers on file.

NELSON E. NEWEL,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,		$5,053 98	
Due on taxes of 1898,	$11,076 30		
Less abat. and collection,	1,000 00		
		$10,076 30	
Due from State, for Military aid,		122 00	
" " " " State aid,		1,336 00	
" " " " Burial of soldiers,		35 00	
" " towns on pauper accts.,		478 24	
" " state on pauper accts.,		33 00	
			$17,131 52
Balance against the town,			165 48
Total,			$17,300 00

OF FRANKLIN, FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

On note to Franklin Nat. Bank,	$7,500 00	
" " " K. D. Lodge, I. O. O. F.,	2,000 00	
		$9,500 00
The above notes bear 4 per cent. interest annually.		
Note No. 5, to Thomas D. Blake, due Oct. 1, 1899,	$2,200 00	
Note No. 6, to Thomas D. Blake, due Oct. 1, 1900,	2,200 00	
Note No. 7, to Thomas D. Blake, due Oct. 1, 1901,	2,200 00	
		$6,600 00
Notes Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive bear 4 1-2 per cent. interest.		
Outstanding unpaid (estimated) bills as follows:		
For schools.	$200 00	
paupers,	350 00	
town officers,	650 00	
		$1,200 00
Total,		$17,300 00

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

FRANCHISE

GRANTED TO THE MILFORD, ATTLEBOROUGH AND WOONSOCKET STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, IN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Whereas, the directors of the Milford, Attleborough and Woonsocket Street Railway Company have petitioned for an extension and location of its tracks and all necessary turn-outs and switches, and to erect poles and wires necessary for the operation and maintenance of its cars by the single trolley system in the Town of Franklin, and notice has been duly given to all parties interested, as required by law, of the time and place at which said Selectmen would consider such location, and,

Whereas, said hearing has been had, and said Selectmen have considered and adjudicated upon the matter, it is hereby

ORDERED

that the prayer of said petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, and that an extension and location of the tracks of the railway of said company be granted, as hereinafter set forth: Beginning at the boundary line between Franklin and Bellingham, thence along Central street in said Franklin to the junction of Central and Emmons streets, thence along Emmons street to Main street, thence along Main street to Central street, thence along Central street to the boundary line between said Franklin and the town of Wrentham. The location of the tracks and poles in said streets is hereafter to be determined by said company, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, and a plan showing the same filed in the Town Clerk's office in said Franklin, within thirty days after the completion

of construction of said railway.

Said location is granted subject to the following conditions, which said Board of Selectmen deem the interest of the public requires, as hereafter stated.

Conditions:

First. Said company shall use sixty foot T rails, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the yard.

Second. Said company shall use good railroad ties, which shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen.

Third. The tracks of said railway shall be laid with the existing grade of said streets, and in case the grade of any part of said streets is changed by the proper authority, said tracks shall be re-laid in conformity with such new grade by said company at its own expense.

Fourth. At the crossing of all streets this said company shall gravel or macadam, as may be determined by Selectmen, all the space between the tracks and rails and 18 inches outside so as to be safe and convenient for teams to cross, and satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen. All cross-walks and crossings for foot passengers now existing shall be constructed of the same material by said company as is used by the town for said purpose, between tracks and 18 inches outside, at expense of said company, and approved by Selectmen. In case said company shall fail to keep said space in a state of repair as aforesaid, after reasonable notice the same may be repaired under the direction of the Selectmen, and the reasonable expense of such repairs shall be charged to said company and shall be paid by it.

Fifth. The poles or structures for conveying electricity for the operations of said railway shall be of chestnut or other material, of suitable size, shape, and quality, all of which qualifications shall be satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen of said town.

Sixth. Said company shall pay all expenses and damages, and save said Town of Franklin harmless and indemnified for all loss, cost, damages or expenses in consequences of, or arising out of, the construction and operation of said railway.

Seventh. All posts and wires set up or erected under this order shall be so placed as not to interfere, or be in dangerous proximity to, any existing wires or poles belonging to said town, and subject to the approval of the Selectmen. Said railway company may trim such trees as shall be necessary for the erection of its wires, but such trees shall be trimmed only under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and all expenses incurred hereby shall be paid by said railway company.

Eighth. Said Street Railway Company shall so provide for its electric currents, and provide such conduction thereof, and of return currents, that unavoidable injury or deterioration shall not occur, nor to be done to water pipes, gas pipes, or to any property of the Town of Franklin, and said railway company shall pay all damages caused by reason of failure to keep and perform the provisions of this clause of this order, and save said Town of Franklin harmless and indemnified from all loss, cost, damage, or expense by reason thereof.

Ninth. The authority given to said company by this order shall not in any way restrict or abridge the rights of the town in said streets. If in the construction of said railway to correspond with the location of the tracks within the present limits of the town highway, it shall become necessary to widen the present travelled way of any street, said company shall, at its own expense, make said widening, and if it shall be found that any bridge or culvert along said line shall need to be extended or strengthened, then said railway company shall extend and strengthen the same at its own expense, and if at any place dangerous embankments are left on either side of any of said streets, then said company shall erect proper and suitable railings thereat free from expense to the town. If at any time said town shall lay sewer mains or any other pipes in said streets, or make any alterations or excavations therein, and it shall be necessary to remove any of the tracks or poles of said company for such purpose, the expense of such removal and of the re-location of said tracks and poles (when re-located) shall be borne by said company.

Tenth. The Town of Franklin shall not be responsible to said company for any damage that may be occasioned by the bursting of any water pipes or sewers, nor from the fall of any poles or wires erected in said streets, nor from any damage occasioned by any other use of said streets which it makes. The Selectmen of the town, for the purpose of repairing the highways, or repairing or extending a sewer system, or in case of fire along the line of said railway, may take up or obstruct the tracks or cut the wires of said company without being liable in damages to said company; and if the wires or tracks shall be broken or taken up from any cause connected with this work being performed by the town, or any of its officers or authorized agents, they shall be repaired by the company, at the said company's expense.

Eleventh. Said railway company shall run its cars daily, and excepting Sundays, at least as often as once an hour from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M., so as to furnish reasonable accommodation to the public. It shall use good appliances, rolling stock and machinery, and keep the same and all tracks, appliances, turnouts, pavings, and property used in connection therewith, in first-class order and repair.

Twelfth. But this location shall not confer any authority or power upon said Milford, Attleborough and Woonsocket Railway Company unless an acceptance thereof in writing is filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town of Franklin within 30 days after receiving notice of the passage thereof.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Franklin, Mass., January 6, 1899.

I hereby acknowledge to have received the foregoing location this 14th day of January, 1899.

GEORGE W. WIGGIN.
Clerk of the Milford, Attleborough and Woonsocket
Street Railway Company.

We hereby accept the foregoing location this 14th day of January, 1899.

JOSEPH G. RAY.
EDGAR K. RAY.
GEORGE W. WIGGIN.
WILLIAM S. REED.
CHARLES W. SHIPPEE.
ORESTES T. DOE.
EDWARD H. RATHBUN.

Directors of the Milford, Attleborough and Woonsocket Street Railway Company.

WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting, March 6, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, GREETING.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D., 1899, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose by ballot the following-named officers, viz.: Three Selectmen, one Town

Treasurer, one Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, all for one year, and one School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, and one member of the Board of Health for one year to fill vacancy, to be voted for upon one ballot; and also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town."

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year, and what rate of interest the town will fix to be charged on taxes after December 1st next.

ART. 5. To hear a report of the town officers and committees and act thereon.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take relative to a pound.

ART. 7. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see if the town will establish an electric arc lamp at or near the corner of Oak and Church streets, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to name the School Street school house the Wm. M. Thayer school house.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to employ a secretary at a salary not to exceed $50 per year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to employ a superintendent of schools.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to increase the pay of members of the fire department from $15 and poll tax to $20 and poll tax per year, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will establish three electric lights on Grove Street, Unionville, between the engine house and the mill of the Norfolk Woolen Company, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to put in a sewer on Main street from Emmons to Central street and on Dean Avenue, and provide a suitable outlet for the same, under Sections 4 and 7 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes, the abutters on line of said sewer to be assessed for the cost of said sewer and outlet.

ART. 15. To see if the town will take any and what action to construct and maintain a system of sewerage, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will order the ringing of a "Curfew Bell" so called at eight o'clock in winter and nine o'clock in summer, or at any other specific hours respectively; give any instruction to its officers regarding the idling, without laudable purpose, or parental permission, on the public streets of children under sixteen years of age, or any other limit of age as may be fixed by the town, or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, including the salary of a superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies, salary of a secretary for the school committee and miscellaneous school expenses. For the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for support of the poor; for support of the Fire Department; for a water supply for hydrants; for street lights; for the payment of the town debt and for interest; for the payment of town officers; for the abatement and collection of taxes; for printing and stationery; for the payment of police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic;

for state and military aid; for soldiers' relief; for support of the Franklin Library Association; for Memorial Day; and for insurance of town buildings and miscellaneous town expenses.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town for the current year.

ART. 20. To see if the town will adopt Section eleven (11) of Chapter four hundred and eighty-one (481) of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894), which provides as follows:—

"With the exception of Boston, each city or town which has adopted chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, or section one of chapter one hundred and four of the Public Statutes, or which adopts this section, may for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life, by ordinances or by-laws not repugnant to law and applicable throughout the whole or any defined part of its territory, regulate the inspection, materials, construction, alteration, and use of buildings and other structures within its limits, excepting such buildings and structures as are owned and occupied by the United States or the Commonwealth, and excepting also bridges, quays and wharfs, and may prescribe penalties not exceeding one hundred dollars for each violation of such regulations."

To see if the town will amend its by-laws as follows: No building or other structure now or hereafter erected upon or within the area bounded by Main, Emmons and Central streets, or upon or within five hundred (500) feet of said area, shall be used as a planing mill, saw mill, or box factory, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $400 for the construction of concrete sidewalks, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the repair of Pond

street from Plain street to the Medway line, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for forest fires, as recommended by the engineers of the fire department in their report.

ART. 24. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen in regard to the removal of snow from sidewalks, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to reimburse Carl B. Johnson for loss in printing the births, deaths and marriages in 1898, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to pay Lucy A. Darling for the land taken to widen East street, on the northerly side thereof, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will buy about 600 feet of land adjoining McCarthy street, of Michael Doherty, to widen said street, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the town will take any and what action to repair the cemetery at corner of Union and Central Streets belonging to said town, or do anything relating thereto.

The polls may be opened at seven o'clock A. M., and may be closed at eleven o'clock A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D., 1899.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE YEAR 1898.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MARCH 7th, 1898.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the 7th day of March, A. D. 1898, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose by ballot the following town officers for the year ensuing, viz: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, a Collector of Taxes, a member of the Board of Health for three years, one School Committee for three years, and three Constables, all to be voted for upon one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town?"

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year.

ART. 5. To hear a report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to a pound.

ART. 7. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ART. 9. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in town for the current year.

ART. 10. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses; for the support of the poor; for the support of the Fire Department; for water supply; for street lights; for the payment of the town debt and interest; for the payment of town officers; for the abatement and collection of taxes; for printing and stationery; the suppression of illegal liquor traffic; for payment of police; for State and military aid; for support of the Library of the Franklin Library Association; for the decoration of the soldiers' graves; for soldiers' aid; and for miscellaneous town expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to construct concrete sidewalks in town, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the town will erect and maintain an incandescent light on Union street, near the entrance to the cemetery.

ART. 13. To see if the town will erect and maintain an incandescent electric light on Central street, near the residence of Nelson Corbin.

ART. 14. To hear a report on guide boards from the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town, under the authority of Section 9, of Chapter 182, of the Acts of 1883, will vote to purchase the franchise and property of the Franklin Water Company, or appoint a committee to take into consideration the same, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will accept Fales street, so called, as a public highway, as laid out by the Selectmen, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 17. To hear a report of the Selectmen on Nason street railroad crossing, and act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will reimburse Owen Shields for a fine paid to Samuel Warner, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to buy the piece of land at the foot of the Common of Mrs. Newell Willett, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to employ a Secretary at a salary not to exceed $50.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the placing of an arc street light on Emmons street.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars ($500), to be expended on the town cemetery, under the direction of the Selectmen, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will put a fire alarm box near Almon Sanborn's on Maple street, and appropriate money therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the town will take any and what action in relation to lighting Pleasant street from the northerly end of Alpine street to the Norfolk town line.

ART. 25. To see what rate of interest the town will fix to be charged on taxes after December 1st next.

ART. 26. To see if the town will erect and maintain an arc electric light on Union street, between the residences of Dennis Sheahan and John Kennedy, at the corner of a cross street, which runs from Union to Washington street.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to adopt a seal, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, or do anything relating thereto.

The polls may be opened at 7 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 11 o'clock A. M.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1898.

CHAS. F. NYE,
GEO. P. MASON,
JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM.
Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the foregoing warrant the following return was made.

NORFOLK, ss. FEBRUARY 26, A. D. 1898.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of

the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898. for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 7th, 1898.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall, in said town, on the first Monday of March, 1898, it being the seventh day of said month.

The meeting was called to order at the time and place named in said warrant by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and return thereon, after which Lester L. Burrington was chosen Moderator by ballot, in receiving which the check-list was used, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Nathan C. Nye and James W. Desmond were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen before the opening of the polls, and said Ballot Clerks were sworn by the Town Clerk before receiving the ballots. and before the opening of the polls the Town Clerk delivered a bundle packed by him and sealed, as required by law, containing (1350) thirteen hundred and fifty official ballots and seventy-five (75) special ballots for women, and the receipt of the Ballot Clerks was taken for said ballots as follows, viz :

March 7, 1898.

Received of Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk of Franklin, a package said to contain thirteen hundred and fifty (1350) official ballots and seventy-five (75) special ballots for women, prepared for use at the election of town officers held in said town this day.

NATHAN C. NYE,
JAMES W. DESMOND,
Ballot Clerks.

The Town Clerk caused the cards of instructions and specimen ballots to be posted in each of the fourteen marking shelves or compartments, provided by the Selectmen and a guard-rail was set six (6) feet or more from said marking shelves or compartments, as required by law, and the cards of instructions and specimen ballots were posted outside the guard rail according to law.

The ballot box, used at the election was publicly opened and shown to be empty and was examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk, and the register thereon was set at 000 and then locked and the key thereof given to Anthony Connor, a police officer, after which the polls were declared opened.

When the ballots were delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks the check-list was used, and the name of each voter receiving a ballot was announced, and the name was checked on said list by the Ballot Clerks, and the voter so receiving his ballot marked it at the marking shelf or compartment and then deposited his ballot in the box as directed by the Moderator, and the name of each voter so casting a ballot was announced in a loud and distinct tone of voice and checked upon the check-list by the election officers in charge at said box and list.

The Selectmen on the 21st day of February, 1898, appointed Bradley M. Rockwood and John P. Costello to act as tellers at the annual election to be held on the seventh day of March, 1898, on which day the Moderator appointed James W. Desmond and Nathan C. Nye, tellers; all of said tellers were duly sworn.

James O. Chilson, Osmon B. Carter and Otis C. Skeele were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Moderator to fill vacan-

cies, and they were duly sworn.

The ballot box was opened by the unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk at ten o'clock A. M., on said day, and the ballots taken therefrom for the purpose of counting, at which time the register on said box showed that one hundred and fifty-six (156) ballots had been cast therein. and upon a complete count of all ballots removed as aforesaid it was found that there were one hundred and sixty (160), and thereupon the canvass and counting of the votes was commenced.

All of said ballots and the check-lists were kept within the unobstructed view of the voters present according to law.

The polls were closed at four o'clock P. M., when the register on the ballot box showed that five hundred and fifty-eight ballots had been cast therein, and the names checked on each voting list were then counted by the election officers in a distinct and audible voice, and the number checked on each list used for the men voters was five hundred and fifty-nine (559), which was announced; and the names checked on each of the check-lists used for the women voters were counted in the same manner and there were six (6) names checked on each, which was announced, and all the ballots cast into said ballot box were counted and there were found to be five hundred and sixty-five, including those cast by the men and women.

The number of ballots left at the close of the polls deducted from the whole number receipted for by the Ballot Clerks showed five hundred and fifty-nine (559) ballots delivered to the men who voted and six delivered to the women voters.

All the ballots cast by the voters as aforesaid were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made by the Town Clerk in open town meeting as follows, viz:

For Selectmen:

John G. Cunningham had one hundred and ninety-one—191.

J. Cushing Gallison had three hundred and forty-five—

345.

Horace W. Hosie had four hundred and five—405.

Jeremiah J. McCarthy had two hundred and twenty-six—226.

Hiram Whiting had two hundred and sixty-eight—268.

Alfred Clark, Jr., had two—2.

Lucius W. Daniels had two—2.

Edwin A. Mason had one—1.

Blanks, two hundred and thirty-seven—237.

And said Horace W. Hosie, J. Cushing Gallison and Hiram Whiting were declared elected.

For Town Clerk:

Orestes T. Doe had four hundred and ninety four—494.

Blank, sixty-five—65.

And Orestes T. Doe was declared elected.

For Town Treasurer:

Henry R. Jenks had five hundred and one—501.

James E. Kelly had one—1.

Blank, fifty-seven—57.

And Henry R. Jenks was declared elected.

For Assessors:

Elisha P. Chapman had three hundred and ninety—390.

James O. Chilson had three hundred and ninty-four—394.

Lawrence J. Kelley had two hundred and fifty-four—254.

William Rockwood had three hundred and forty—340.

Blanks, two hundred and ninty-nine—299.

And said James O. Chilson, Elisha P. Chapman and William Rockwood were declared elected.

For Overseers of the Poor:

George E. Emerson had four hundred and thirty-one—431.

Samuel Y. Reed had four hundred and seventy-two—472.

Hiram Whiting had four hundred and forty-one—441.

C. Milton Allen had four—4.

Warren H. Bright had three—3.

Bernard W. McCabe had one—1.

John D. Hutchinson had one—1.

Blanks, three hundred and twenty-four—324.

And Samuel Y. Reed, George E. Emerson and Hiram Whiting were declared elected.

For Auditor:

Nelson E. Newell had four hundred and fifty-three—453.

Blanks, one hundred and six—106.

And Nelson E. Newell was declared elected.

For Collector of Taxes:

Granville H. Ellis had one hundred and sixty-one—161.

Edward H. Sherman had three hundred and sixty-six—366.

Blanks, thirty-two—32.

And Edward H. Sherman was declared elected.

For School Committee for Three Years:

Fred P. Chapman had three hundred and eighty-three—383.

James E. Kelly had one hundred and forty-two—142.

Albert King had one—1.

A. J. Gallison had one—1.

Blanks, thirty-eight—38.

And Fred P. Chapman was declared elected.

For Board of Health for Three Years:

Dwight M. Hodge had three hundred and eighty—380.

Daniel F. Shay had one hundred and thirty-three—133.

Solon Abbott had one—1.

Blanks, forty-five—45.

And said Dwight M. Hodge was declared elected.

For Constables:

Anthony Connor had two hundred and ninety-two.—292.

Fred L. Davis had three hundred and seventy-eight—378.

Kervin R. Jewett had three hundred and thirty-six—336.

Lewis R. Whitaker had three hundred and thirty-three—333.

P. J. Feeley had one—1.

Uriah B. Williams had one—1.

Blanks, three hundred and thirty-six—336.

And Fred. L. Davis, Kervin R. Jewett and Lewis R. Whitaker were declared elected.

In answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town?"

Yes, two hundred and three—203.

No, three hundred and six—306.

Blanks, fifty—50.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourns it be to Monday, the fourteenth day of March current, at Morse's Opera House, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Voted that the polls be kept open until 4 o'clock P. M. this day and then closed.

Voted, that the moderator appoint a committee of fifteen to consider the remaining articles of the warrant and to report thereon at the adjourned town meeting.

And the moderator appointed for said committee the following named persons, viz.:

William F. Ray, Charles F. Nye, Fred. P. Chapman, George E. Emerson, James O. Chilson, Henry R. Jenks, George W. Wiggin, Joseph P. Bassett, Charles Stewart, Lawrence J. Kelley, Henry E. Ruggles, Alfred Clark, Jeremiah J. McCarthy, George R. Winsor, Charles J. McKenzie.

After the declaration of the vote, as aforesaid, all the ballots cast at said election were sealed up in an envelope and endorsed thereon by the Moderator, and the check-lists used were also sealed up and endorsed by the Moderator and Ballot Clerks respectively, and were all placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

On motion at 6 o'clock P. M., the meeting was adjourned to Monday next, at Morse's Opera House at 7 o'clock P. M.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. Franklin, Mass., Mar. 7, 1898.

I hereby certify that Orestes T. Doe appeared before me

this day and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Town Clerk of Franklin, in said Commonwealth, to which office he has been this day duly elected.

JAMES M. FREEMAN,
Justice of the Peace.

A true record.
Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I administered the oath of office according to law to the following named persons who were elected to office in the Town of Franklin at the annual election held March 7th, A. D. 1898, on the dates set against their respective names, all in said year.

SELECTMEN—Horace W. Hosie, March 7th; J. Cushing Gallison, March 8th; Hiram Whiting, March 8th.

ASSESSORS, as prescribed by statute—James O. Chilson, March 8th; William Rockwood, March 8th; Elisha P. Chapman, March 8th.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—George E. Emerson, March 7th; Samuel Y. Reed, March 8th; Hiram Whiting, March 8th.

TREASURER—Henry R. Jenks, March 8th.

AUDITOR—Nelson E. Newell, March 8th.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Dwight M. Hodge, March 8th.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS—Fred P. Chapman, March 8th.

CONSTABLES—Lewis R. Whitaker, March 8th; Fred L. Davis; March 9th; Kervin R. Jewett, March 10th.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Edward H. Sherman, March 26th.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Adjourned Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 14th, 1898.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs, held in Morse's Opera House in said town, on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1898, pursuant to the aforesaid adjournment, Lester L. Burrington, the Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock in the evening, and the business proceeded as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE 3. The meeting made choice of the following town officers:

FENCE VIEWERS.

Cyrus M. Allen, James O. Chilson, Lucius W. Daniels.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Orrin F. Fiske, Michael J. Hart, John J. Colgan.

POUND KEEPER.

Norman B. Stone.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN

The Committee appointed to consider the remaining articles of the warrant, through its Chairman, Hon. William F. Ray, presented the report thereof and the meeting voted that said report be accepted and placed on file, and it was also voted that each section of the report of said committee be acted upon at the same time as the articles in the warrant to which it referred.

COMPENSATION OF COLLECTOR.

ARTICLE 4. Committee report and recommend "That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent. on the amount collected, and that the Collector have the same power and authority that the Treasurer has when appointed Collector."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 5. Committee report and recommend "That the report of the Town Officers, as printed in the Annual

Report, be accepted."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

POUND.

ARTICLE 6. Committee report and recommend "That the yard at the Almshouse be the pound for the present year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

JURORS.

ARTICLE 7. Committee report and recommend "That the list of jurors, as printed by the Selectmen, be placed in the jury box the current year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted, and the names as posted and accepted are as follows:

Allen, Cyrus M.	Summer street
Allen, Thomas B.	Union street
Arnold, Everett F.	Union street
Austin, William H.	Crescent street
Bacon, Albert O.	King street
Blake, William A.	Pond street
Bright, Fred A.	Beaver street
Brock, Albert L.	School street
Buckley, Daniel, Jr.	Pond street
Burrington, Lester L.	Main street
Butters, Edward F.	West street
Chapman, Elisha P.	Dean street
Chilson, James O.	Dean street
Cleaveland, William M.	Garfield street
Cook, Herbert A.	Ruggles street
Corbin, Charles H.	Central street
Cosseboom, George D.	Crescent street
Crowninshield, Walter.	Queen street
Desmond, James W.	Church street
Dove, William.	Union street
Emerson, George E.	Main street
Estey, Willard A.	Fales street
Everett, Alfred F.	King street
Frost, Samuel H.	Alpine street

Gage, Horace F.	North Park street
Gaskill, George N.	Washington street
Geb, Jacob F.	McCarthy street
Gowen, Charles R.	Pleasant street
Hopkins, Jessie D.	Lincoln street
Hosford, James R.	Crescent street
Hosie, Horace W.	Emmons street
Hosie, John P.	Peck street
Kingsbury, George A.	Lincoln street
Lesure, John F.	Central street
Martin, Thomas L.	Summer street
Messenger, Everett S.	Main street
Metcalf, Edgar A.	Crescent street
Metcalf, E. Lovell,	Central street
Moran, Daniel P.	Dean street
Murphy, John, Jr.	Pleasant street
Newell, Nelson E.	Alpine street
Nye, Charles F.	Central street
Osborne, Fred E.	Central street
O'Sullivan, John A.	Pleasant street
Peck, George I.	Central street
Sanborn, Almon,	Maple street
Sanborn, Marston,	School street
Sherman, Edward H.	High street
Smith, Calvin M.	Beaver street
Sommers, Rudolph,	Dean street
Stetson, Orlando S.	Maple street
Stevens, Roswell K.	Queen street
Stewart, Charles L.	Union street
Talbot, Henry A.	Central street
Tyler, John H.	King street
Ware, Eugene F.	Main street
Walsh, John P.	School street
White, Richard S.	Main street
Willoughby, George H.	Emmons street
Woodward, Amos P.	Main street
Woodward, Palmer A.	Main street

BORROWING MONEY.

ARTICLE 8. Committee report and recommend "That the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

ARTICLE 9. Committee report and recommend "That the Selectmen be instructed to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor the current year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate for the following named purposes the following named sums of money for the current year, to wit:

For repair of roads, bridges and sidewalks, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen,	$7,000 00
For the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent, and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses.	13,500 00
For support of poor,	5,000 00
" support of Fire Department,	2,200 00
" water supply,	4,040 00
" payment of town officers,	1,500 00
" " " " debt,	2,200 00
" " " interest,	1,500 00
" abatement and collection of taxes,	1,000 00
" street lights,	3,700 00
" suppression of illegal liquor traffic and for payment of police,	1,500 00
" State and Military aid,	500 00
" the support of the library of the Franklin Library Association,	700 00
" printing and stationery,	350 00

" the decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
" soldiers' aid,	600 00
" miscellaneous town expenses,	1,000 00

The last named sum to include insurance on all town buildings.

Voted, that the Assessors publish, in the next Annual Town Report, a list of all abatements and the reasons therefor.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

ARTICLE 11. Committee report and recommend "That the town raise and appropriate five hundred ($500) dollars for the construction of concrete sidewalks, and that the sum be spent for this purpose in whole or in part, as abutters may contribute a like amount."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON UNION STREET.

ARTICLE 12. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON CENTRAL STREET.

ARTICLE 13. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON GUIDEBOARDS.

ARTICLE 14. Committee make no recommendation. The Selectmen, by their chairman, Charles F. Nye, made an oral report that the guideboards were in fair condition, and it was voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted.

PURCHASE OF WATER WORKS.

ARTICLE 15. Committee report and recommend "That the subject matter of this article be referred to a committee of five; that they are hereby requested to consult with the Franklin Water Co. in regard to the purchase of its property; to make a thorough investigation, and to report the result with recommendations to the town."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted,

and that the Moderator appoint the committee, whereupon the Moderator appointed as such committee: Joseph G. Ray, William F. Ray, Geo. W. Wiggin, Harry T. Hayward and Charles Stewart.

FALES STREET.

ARTICLE 16. Committee report and recommend "That the town accept Fales Street as laid out by the Selectmen."

Voted, that the report of the committee be not adopted, and that further consideration of this matter be indefinitely postponed.

NASON CROSSING.

ARTICLE 17. Committee make no recommendation.

Voted, that the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to act in the premises.

FINE REPAID OWEN SHIELDS.

ARTICLE 18. Committee report and recommend "That the amount of fine be refunded to Mr. Shields."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

PURCHASE OF MRS. NEWELL WILLETT'S LAND.

ARTICLE 19. Committee make no recommendation.

Voted, that this matter be left to the Selectmen, to determine the title to said land and report to a future town meeting.

EMPLOYMENT OF SECRETARY TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 20. Committee report and recommend "That School Committee be authorized to employ a Secretary at a salary of not to exceed $50."

Voted, that the above report be adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON EMMONS STREET.

ARTICLE 21. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 22. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

FOR ALARM BOX ON MAPLE STREET.

ARTICLE 23. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON PLEASANT STREET.

ARTICLE 24. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

RATE OF INTEREST ON TAXES.

ARTICLE 25. Committee report and recommend "That 7 per cent. be charged after December 1st next.

Voted, that the report be adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON UNION STREET.

ARTICLE 26. Committee report and recommend "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

ADOPTION OF SEAL.

ARTICLE 27. Committee report and recommend "That this article be referred to a committee of three to report at some future town meeting."

Voted, that the report be adopted and that the Moderator appoint the committee, and thereupon the Moderator appointed Orestes T. Doe, Dwight M. Hodge and Bradley M. Rockwood.

EMPLOYMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ARTICLE 28. Committee report and recommend "That the School Committee employ a Superintendent of Schools in same manner as the past year."

Voted, that the report be adopted.

It was voted at 10 o'clock P. M. to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,

Town Clerk.

The following named persons were appointed to the offices hereinafter named, by the Selectmen, when duly assembled on the following dates, all in the year 1898, on the 9th day of March.

Anthony Connor—Day Police and Liquor Officer until March 24th, 1898.

William Redpath—Night Police until March 24th, 1898.

Special Police Officers without pay—Charles R. Gowen, William G. Cody, Kervin R. Jewett, George Bourbeau, Daniel W. Fisher, Geo. W. Hill, Joseph T. Hutchinson, Fred L. Davis, Edmund J. Rockwood, Amos W. Stone, William Redpath; on the 18th day of March, Walter Lovelace; on the 25th day of March, Charles Badger; on the 25th day of June, Edward P. Proctor; on the 9th day of Dec. Silas W. Nickerson.

Surveyors of Lumber—William Rockwood, Elmer M. Wadsworth, Clarence H. Woodward, Walter M. Fisher.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—William Rockwood, Alexander M. Haggart, T. Jefferson Daniels, Kervin R. Jewett, Norman B. Stone, Wilton A. Pond, Clarence H. Woodward, Elmer M. Wadsworth, Thomas B. Allen.

Measurers of Grain—Frank D. Metcalf, Clarence H. Woodward, Elmer M. Wadsworth, Nathan B. Arnold, James F. Ray, William Rockwood.

Weighers of Coal and Hay—Joseph E. Clark, Kervin R. Jewett, Nathan B. Arnold, Alexander M. Haggart, Clarence H. Woodward, James F. Ray, Thomas Keefe, Elmer M. Wadsworth.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Granville H. Ellis.

Inspector of Kerosene Oil—Granville H. Ellis.

Agents for Burial of Soldiers—Edwin A. Mason, Walter M. Fisher.

Auctioneers—Lewis R. Whitaker, David W. Colson.

On the 18th day of March Anthony Connor Day Police and Liquor Officer for the ensuing year until March 10,

1899, at a salary of $50 per month.

William Redpath, Night Police for the ensuing year until March 10, 1899, at a salary of $50 per month.

Superintendent of Streets—Charles S. Rand.

On the 25th day of March. Inspector of Animals and Provisions in accordance with Chapter 491, Acts of 1894—William F. King.

On the 15th day of April, Forest Fire Wards, beginning May 1, 1898—Charles S. Rand, Almon Sanborn, William F. King, T. Jefferson Daniels, Norman B. Stone, Charles E. Woodward, James M. Parker, Albert J. Newell, Elliot Poor.

Board of Fire Engineers—John G. Cunningham, Edgar A. Metcalf, George I. Rich, James B. McKinnon, William F. Buckley.

Town of Franklin.

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby appoint James W. Desmond of said Franklin Registrar of Voters in and for said Franklin for the term of three years from the first day of May, A. D. 1898, and until another is appointed in his place.

Witness our hands this twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1898.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
H. W. HOSIE,
H. WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Franklin, Mass., April 28, 1898.

I, James W. Desmond, having been appointed a Registrar of Voters for the town of Franklin, Mass., for the term ending May 1, 1901, do swear that I will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of said office.

JAMES W. DESMOND.

I administered the oath of office to the said James W. Desmond on this 28th day of April, A. D. 1898.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I administered the oath of office to the following named officers on the date set against their respective names, all in the year 1898.

Fence Viewers—James O. Chilson, March 19; Cyrus M. Allen, April 27; Lucius W. Daniels, April 27.

Superintendent of Streets—Charles S. Rand, March 19.

Police Officers—Anthony Connor, March 19; William Redpath, March 15.

Special Police Officers—Charles R. Gowen, May 6; Joseph T. Hutchinson, March 18; Daniel W. Fisher, March 30; Edward P. Proctor, July 2; Charles Badger, March 31; Silas W. Nickerson, Dec. 10.

Pound Keeper—Norman B. Stone, March 28.

Surveyors of Lumber—William Rockwood, March 18; Elmer M. Wadsworth, Oct. 7.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—William Rockwood, March 18; Alexander M. Haggart, March 14; T. Jefferson Daniels, March 15; Kervin R. Jewett, March 15; Thomas B. Allen, May 13; Norman B. Stone, March 28; Elmer M. Wadsworth, Oct. 7.

Measurers of Grain—Nathan B. Arnold, March 14; James F. Ray, March 14; William Rockwood, March 18; Elmer M. Wadsworth, Oct. 7.

Weighers of Coal and Hay—Kervin R. Jewett, March 15; James F. Ray, March 14; Nathan B. Arnold, March

14; Alexander M. Haggart, March 14; Elmer M. Wadsworth, Oct. 7.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions—William F. King, March 26.

Forest Fire Wards, for the year commencing May 1, 1898—Charles E. Woodward, April 30; T. Jefferson Daniels, May 2; Norman B. Stone, May 5; William F. King, May 7; Elliott Poor, May 9; Almon Sanborn, May 9; Albert J. Newell, May 13; James M. Parker, June 4.

Board of Fire Engineers—John G. Cunningham, May 2; George I. Peck, May 6; James B. McKinnon, May 7; William F. Buckley, May 7; Edgar A. Metcalf, May 9.

Office of the Selectmen, Town of Franklin.

Norfolk, ss. Franklin, Mass., March 9, 1898.

We, the Selectmen, hereby appoint Anthony Connor of said town of Franklin to be Keeper of the Lockup for the current year and until March 10th, 1899, unless sooner removed.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
H. W. HOSIE,
HIRAM WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I, Anthony Connor, hereby accept the above appointment.

ANTHONY CONNOR.

I administered the oath of office to the above named

Anthony Connor, March 10, 1898.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I have destroyed this 2nd day of May, 1898, the ballots used at the annual election held on the 7th day of March last, for the election of town officers.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A certified copy of the list of persons liable to enrollment in and for the Town of Franklin for the year 1898 has been filed with me on this 18th day of July, 1898, by the assessors of said town and I have filed the same, which contains the names of 795 men.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Franklin, Mass., Oct. 6, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Franklin:

Gentlemen:—Owing to the lack of time in which to properly attend to the duties of office of Registrar of Voters, I must and hereby tender my resignation to take effect immediately.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES E. KELLY.

Office of the Selectmen, Town of Franklin.

We, the selectmen of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby appoint John B. Collins of said Franklin, Registrar of Voters in and for said Franklin, for the unexpired term of James E. Kelly, resigned and until another is appointed in his place.

Given under our hands this seventh day of October, A. D. 1898.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
H. W. HOSIE,
H. WHITING,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I, John B. Collins, having been appointed Registrar of Voters as aforesaid, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of said office.

JOHN B. COLLINS.

I administered the said oath of office to John B. Collins on this eighth day of October, A. D. 1898.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

On the 6th day of January, 1899, the Selectmen when duly assembled, appointed Herbert A. Bent a special police officer within and for this town, and on the 7th day of said month I administered the oath of said office to said Herbert A. Bent.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.

November 8th, 1898.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin.

Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said November, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, two Special County Commissioners for the County of Norfolk, a District Attorney for the Southeastern District, a Registrar of Probate and Insolvency and a Sheriff for the County of Norfolk, and a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Eleventh Congressional District.

The Polls may be closed as early as eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen, on or before the said day and hour.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
H. W. HOSIE.
H. WHITING.
Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the above recorded warrant the following return was made:

October 29th, 1898.

Norfolk, ss.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall

on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, 1898, for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and the return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION,

November 8, 1898.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote as required by the Constitution for State officers, holden at the Town Hall, in said Town, in accordance with the foregoing warrant, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, being the eighth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, two Special County Commissioners for the County of Norfolk, a District Attorney for the Southeastern District, a Register of Probate and Insolvency and a Sheriff for the County of Norfolk, and a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Eleventh Congressional District.

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock A. M. by the Chairman of the Selectmen, who read the warrant and return thereon.

Nathan C. Nye and Michael J. Costello were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, and both were duly sworn by the Town Clerk before the opening of the polls, and Nelson E. Newell and James O. Chilson were appointed by the Selectmen as additional Ballot Clerks, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk, and acted in the absence of the Ballot Clerks.

Thirteen marking shelves or compartments were provided by the town, according to law, and a guard rail was erected six (6) feet or more from said shelves or compartments.

The first set of ballots furnished for said election by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was, before the opening of the polls on said day, delivered by the Town Clerk, sealed, to the Chairman of the Selectmen and his receipt taken therefor, in the following form, viz:

NOVEMBER 8, 1898.

Received of Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk of Franklin, Mass., a sealed package said to contain eleven hundred ballots for use at the election in said town on this day.

J. CUSHING GALLISON,
Chairman of the Selectmen of Franklin, Mass.

The ballot box, furnished and certified to by the said Secretary, was, before the opening of the polls, opened in public meeting and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty, and the register thereon was set at zero (0) and thereupon locked and the key delivered to the police officer, Anthony Connor.

The seal of the package containing the first set of ballots was then broken by the Chairman of the Selectmen, who delivered the same to the Ballot Clerks, and the cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted in the marking shelves or compartments and about the room outside the guard-rail, as required by law, after which the polls were declared opened, and it was then voted that the polls be kept open until four o'clock and then closed.

The ballots were delivered to each voter by the Ballot Clerks, after the name of such voter had first been publicly announced and checked by said clerks upon the voting list used by them.

The ballot delivered to each voter was by him marked in one of the voting compartments aforesaid and thereafter deposited by such voter in said ballot box after his name had first been publicly announced at said box and duly checked upon the voting list by the election officers in charge of said box and list.

On the 27th day of October current, the Selectmen appointed Bradley M. Rockwood and James W. Desmond as tellers to assist them in receiving, sorting and counting said ballots, and before entering upon their duties as such tellers, they were all sworn by the Town Clerk to the faithful discharge of their duties as such tellers.

The Selectmen and Town Clerk had charge of the election, and the ballot box and check-list used with the same were under their care.

At 9 o'clock in the forenoon the said ballot box was opened, by the unanimous consent of the election officers, to remove the ballots therefrom for the purpose of counting when the register on said box showed 107 ballots cast, and upon a complete count of all the ballots so removed, it was found that there were 106.

The polls were closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, due notice having been made, when the register on the ballot box showed 535 ballots cast, and upon a complete count of all the ballots cast therein, it was found that 532 ballots had been cast into said box and cancelled thereby.

The whole number of ballots delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks was five hundred and thirty-two.

The ballots were divided into blocks, and each block was canvassed, as required by law, and the total result of said canvass was recorded on the blank forms provided for that purpose.

The names checked upon the voting list used as aforesaid

were then counted in a distinct and audible voice in the presence of all the election officers and the public; and the two check-lists used for the voters each showed five hundred and thirty-two names checked thereon.

The check-lists used were furnished by the Registrars of Voters for the purpose of said election.

After the completion of the canvass of all the votes cast, and the whole number duly sorted, counted and recorded, declaration thereof was made, according to law, in open town meeting, as follows, viz:

For Governor:

Alexander B. Bruce of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty-two—152.

George R. Pease of Lynn had eight—8.

Winfield P. Porter of Newburport had three—3.

Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston had six—6.

Roger Wolcott of Boston had three hundred and forty-five—345.

Blanks, eighteen—18.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Lieutenant Governor:

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill had ten—10.

W. Murray Crane of Dalton had three hundred and thirty-nine—339.

John L. Kilbon of Lee had seven—7.

Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton had four—4.

Edward J. Slattery of Framingham had one hundred and fifty-eight—158.

Blanks, fourteen—14.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Secretary:

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill had fourteen—14.

Henry A. Inman of Newton had eight—8.

Henry Lloyd of Boston had one hundred and forty-six—146.

William M. Olin of Boston had three hundred and twenty-eight—328.

James F. Stevens of Boston had thirteen—13.

Blanks, twenty-three—23.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Treasurer:

Martha Moore Avery of Boston had eleven—11.

Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley had one hundred and forty-eight—148.

Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport had three hundred and thirty-six—336.

Herbert Morley Small of Templeton had seven—7.

Charles W. White of Winchester had six—6.

Blanks, twenty-four—24.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Auditor:

Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury had eight—8.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had three hundred and twenty-seven—327.

John Palme of New Bedford had eleven—11.

Charles F. Parker of Boston had one hundred and forty-four—144.

Walter E. Sanford of Attleborough had eight—8.

Blanks, thirty-four—34.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Attorney-General:

Patrick Kilroy of Springfield had one hundred and fifty-three—153.

Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had three hundred and thirty-eight—338.

Clarence E. Spellman of Westfield had twelve—12.

Blanks, twenty-nine—29.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Councillor—Second District:

William W. Davis of Boston had three hundred and thirty—330.

Harrison Dunham of Boston had one hundred and sixty—160.

Blanks, forty-two—42.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Senator—Second Norfolk District:

Henry H. Francis of Stoughton had one hundred and seventy-two—172.

Fred Homer Williams of Brookline had three hundred and thirty-five—335.

Blanks, twenty-five—25.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Representatives in General Court—Tenth Norfolk District:

Lester L. Burrington of Franklin had three hundred and ninety—390.

George F. Williams of Foxborough had three hundred and five—305.

Bernard W. McCabe had one—1.

John E. Keefe had one—1.

Blanks, three hundred and sixty-seven—367.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, ten hundred and sixty-four—1064.

For County Commissioner:

Thomas Blanchard of Stoughton had three hundred and twenty-seven—327.

Charles C. Sanderson of Dedham had one hundred and sixty-four—164.

Blanks, forty-one—41.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Special County Commissioners—Norfolk County:

John Everett of Canton had three hundred---300.

Robert B. Martin of Hyde Park had one hundred and fifty-three—153.

Timothy F. Quinn of Sharon had one hundred and forty-five—145.

Lewis R. Whitaker of Franklin had three hundred and fifteen—315.

Nathan C. Nye of Franklin had one—1.

Blanks, one hundred and fifty—150.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, ten hundred and sixty-four—1064.

For District-Attorney—South Eastern District:

Charles A. Gilday of Brockton had one hundred and sixty-five—165.

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater had three hundred and thirty-nine—339.

Blanks, twenty-eight—28.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency—Norfolk County:

Jonathan Cobb of Dedham had four hundred and twenty-three—423.

Blanks, one hundred and nine—109.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For Sheriff—Norfolk County:

Samuel H. Capen of Canton had four hundred and thirty-three—433.

Blanks, ninety-nine—99.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

For a Representative in Congress—Eleventh District:

William H. Baker of Newton had one hundred and eighty-seven—187.

Charles F. Sprague of Brookline had three hundred and nineteen—319.

Blanks, twenty-seven—27.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, five hundred and thirty-two—532.

Certificates of said balloting, signed by the Selectmen and attested by the Town Clerk, were sealed up in open town meeting.

The ballots cast into said ballot box by the voters were duly sealed and certified to thereon by a majority of the election officers for said town and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

The voting lists used at said election were enclosed in an envelope and sealed and a majority of the election officers certified thereon to the identity of the voting lists so sealed.

The presiding officer caused all ballots, which were not distributed to voters, to be enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and placed thereon his certificate as to the identity of the same.

The presiding officer delivered to the Town Clerk all said ballots cast, all undistributed ballots and voting lists, sealed as aforesaid, together with the ballot box, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

On motion, the meeting was dissolved at 6.00 o'clock P. M.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

JANUARY 5, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have destroyed the ballots cast at the last November election, according to law.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

MEETING OF THE TOWN CLERKS OF THE TENTH NORFOLK REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

The Clerks of the Towns of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Norfolk, comprising the Norfolk Representative District, number ten, at their meeting at the Town Hall, in said Franklin, on Friday, the eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1898, at 12 o'clock noon on said day, being the tenth day following the day of the election, made out under their hands the following complete returns of all votes cast for Representatives to the General Court in said district, as follows, viz. :

Whole number of votes cast, including blanks and scattering,

Lester L. Burrington of Franklin had ten hundred and ninety—1,090.

George F. Williams of Foxborough had ten hundred and ninety-one—1,091.

Scattering, six—6.

Blanks, eleven hundred and thirty-nine—1,139.

And did ascertain from the foregoing canvass that Lester L. Burrington of Franklin and George F. Williams of Foxborough were duly elected, amd made certificates of their election, one of which was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and one was sent to the Constable of Franklin, and one was sent to the Constable of Foxborough, to be served on said Lester L. Burrington and George F. Williams, as the law requires.

Witness our hands at Franklin, Mass., this 18th day of November, A. D. 1898.

David T. Stone,	Clerk of	Wrentham.
George E. Pond,	"	Medway.
Orestes T. Doe,	"	Franklin.
Louis W. Hodges,	"	Foxborough.
Henry A. Whitney,	"	Bellingham.
Silas E. Fales,	"	Norfolk.

A true accord.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE.
Town Clerk.

Franklin, Mass., Feb. 16th, 1899.

O. T. Doe, Esq., Town Clerk of Town of Franklin:

Dear Sir:—I hand you herewith my resignation as a member of Board of Health of Town of Franklin to take effect at this date.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM H. COLBY,
Franklin, Mass.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in Franklin During 1898.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan.	2	John McLoughlin	Daniel and Rose
"	3	Mildred L. Doe	Orestes T. and Mabel P.
"	8	Ruth H. Darling	Daniel A. and Susie J.
"	8	Rachel T. Darling	Daniel A. and Susie J.
"	14	Adele M. R. O'Clair	Nelson P. and Mary J.
"	14	Josephine M. Meredith	John and Ellen E.
"	14	William R. Van Tassel	William W. and Mabel E.
"	17	Walter St. Pierre	Alfred and Malvena
Feb.	3	George C. Riordan	James H. and Margaret A.
"	6	Katherine Donahue	William and Mary
"	22	Alice J. Spence	Henry and Sarah
"	25	Marguerite Kenney	Thomas A. and Ellen
"	25	Rena E. Parren	George H. and Susie M.
March	9	Helene Deleau	Jules and Malvina
"	19	William A. Ellis	Charles E. and Grace A.
"	23	Richard Farrell	Richard and Mary
"	23	Isabella O'Donnell	John and Mary
"	25	Hazel J. Hosie	Horace W. and Ada D.
"	29	Arthur Moreau	Phileas and Gabrielle
April	2	Rosalie Bourbeau	Joseph and Matilda
"	3	Marguerite Sherman	Walter C. and Anna Belle
"	10	Ellen M. Buckley	Daniel, Jr. and Margaret
"	11	Oscar Le Fleur	Isaac and Emily
"	11	James H. Colgan	John H. and Mary A.
"	12	Herbert Wise	Victor H. and Irene N.
"	13	George K. Cook	James H. and Susan E.
"	15	Mary J. Creighton	John and Elizabeth
"	16	Cyril W. Lundborn	——— Emma Lundborn
"	20	——— May	——— Addie May
"	22	John Murphy	Timothy and Hannah
"	23	Mildred Allen	George A. and Margery E.
"	23	——— Allen	George A. and Margery E.
"	23	Anna J. Bernard	Joseph and Anor
"	25	Florence A. McWilliams	George H. and Bridget
"	27	Mary C. Lombard	Alexander and Carmel
"	30	Gustaf W. Swanbeck	Gustaf F. and Ellen J.
May	6	Annie Pirsena	Celso and Arminia
"	8	Lester D. Curtis	Arthur M. and Alice

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
May	9	——— Cody	Frank and Kate
"	10	Horace E. Mann	Horace W. and Flora E.
"	19	Arthur C. Kilburn	Arthur W. and Eva M.
"	22	Sidney F. Ochee	George H. and Georgietta
"	26	Mildred H. McCulloch	Alexander and Margaret
"	28	Linda M. Ackley	Charles E. and Damaris
June	2	Emma Laugerin	Joseph and Emma
"	3	Leslie W. Morrill	Edwin J. and Nellie
"	5	Sadie M. Jordan	Oliver A. and Helen L.
"	7	John G. Bassett	Joseph P. and Mary V.
"	8	Joseph L. George	William and Xaverine
"	13	George A. Usher	George H. and Sarah L.
"	16	Rose Vinditi	Michael and Libera
"	21	Harold E. Cook	Edward S. and Blanche W
"	25	Francis H. Larose	Euclid and Philanaine
July	1	Louis Antonetti	Nicola and Angela R.
"	8	David W. Broadhead	John and Christina
"	11	Marion M. Labadie	Albert N. and Mary J.
"	14	Mary A. Moreau	Fred and Delima
"	20	Mary E. Reaux	Thomas and Emily
"	20	Philip Doherty	Philip P. and Margaret E.
"	22	Emma St. John	Joseph and Flodine
"	28	Alice M. Sullivan	George H. and Mary
"	28	Mary H. C. Foster	William H. and Minnie B.
Aug.	3	Lilia J. Leclair	Cyrille and Carmelie
"	8	Elnor C. Hastings	Thomas H. and Delia
"	10	——— White	——— Carrie White
"	13	Stella D. Johnston	William L. and Grace I.
"	15	George W. Ledbury	George H. and Ida R.
"	23	Elizabeth J. Howard	Dennis and Susie
"	25	Louis H. Murray	John F. and Mary E.
Sept.	4	Ralph A. Baldwin	Charles E. and Abbie E.
"	7	Peter E. Broullard	Edward and Victoria
"	7	Rose E. McCabe	James and Sarah
"	13	Chales A. Dunlavey	Bernard and Jennie
"	15	Martin Kelly	James and Josie
"	20	Alice Linean	Daniel W. and Annie G.
"	22	Robert F. Clark	Francis X. and Annie
"	23	——— Grant	Horace M. and Susie A.
"	24	Salvator Potenza	Alfonso and Maria
"	26	Thomas W. Rice	Patrick T. and Mary A.
Oct.	2	John R. Connell	Jeremiah and Margaret J.
"	3	Doris Shumsky	Henry and Rosa
"	4	James Supple	Joseph M. and Emma J.
"	10	Doris B. Mayshaw	Ernest B. and Rose A.
"	12	Adelina T. Zunnio	G. Battista and Luiggia
"	16	Stanley W. Ruggles	Henry E. and L. Maud
"	27	Flora G. Clark	Leslie E. and Mary A.
"	28	Gertrude E. Green	George W. and Jennie L.
"	30	Leo F. Richardson	Paul and Mary J.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Nov. 1	Thomas Roach	Thomas and Annie
" 3	Eva M. Cook	Walter and Caroline J.
" 5	Edwina A. Perron	Oliver and Lena
" 7	Millard M. Taft	Alfred M. and Ada L.
" 11	Newman F. Waite	Enoch E. and Mary Alice
" 15	Jennie E. Cauldwell	John T. and Hattie A.
" 18	Maggie J. Munroe	William and Catherine
" 27	Lillian C. Barnstead	John A. and Ada M.
Dec. 4	Katherine Brogan	Dennis and Margaret
" 10	——— Lynch	David and Jessie
" 14	Raphael Di Pasquale	Vincenzo and Giovanna R.
" 17	Hazel B. Peden	John and Elizabeth
" 17	Helen L. Daniels	George C. and Eva N.
" 21	Arthur H. Holmes	Arthur S. and Ida M.
" 29	Josephine C. McCabe	Bernard W. and Cora L.
" 31	Sueza Areno	Dominic and Angela M.
" 31	Lillian M. McWilliams	John B. and Minnie

Total, 105.

Marriages Recorded in Franklin During 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Jan. 5	Fred McConnier Jennie McDermott	22 24	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 12	Michael Boyle Bridget Corbett	50 42	Franklin Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rev. John McGuire
Jan 13	George A. Howland Delia M. Morell	21 18	Franklin "	F. H. Putnam, J. P.
April 13	Walter S. Darling Fannie M. Blanchard	25 26	Franklin "	Rev. Lucian Drury
" 17	Thomas H. Gleason Emma J. Bennett	30 23	Brockton Franklin	Rev. J. M. Rockwood
" 18	William Hudlin Emma Mellitt	25 18	Milford Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 28	Charles I. Dean Abbie Tylor	62 38	Franklin Boston	Rev. E. A. Rand
May 10	James E. Congdon Frances E. Sylvester	52 53	Franklin "	Rev. Wm. S. Kelsy
June 1	Edwin Childs, Jr. Jennie L. Lidbury	23 21	Boston "	Rev. C. W. Longren
" 8	John C. Stockbridge Charlotte L. Hutchings	27 23	Franklin Ashland	Rev. C. L. Tomblin
" 8	Charles H. Prince Annie B. Bright	24 26	Franklin "	Rev. J. P. Chadbourne
" 22	Walter P. Dresser Anna J. Lawrence	25 23	Boston Franklin	Rev. J. F. Albion
" 22	Michael F. Burke Sarah F. Costello	32 29	Rockland Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 29	Luther M. Ramee Lottie E. Wentzell	31 21	Newton Franklin	Rev. C. W. Longren
July 26	John H. Crook Jennie I. Weir	25 26	Attleborough Providence, R. I.	Rev. Joseph Harris
Aug. 13	Paul N. Peterson Jennie C. Chalander	25 22	Franklin "	Rev. J. B. Woodland
" 22	William J. Bullard Delia Lewis	28 26	Mendon Franklin	Henry E. Stimson, J. P.
Sept. 16	Jeremiah T. Kennelly Emma Robinson	28 28	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 20	Albert W. Read Cora F. Gowen	24 20	Atleboro "	Rev. C. W. Longren
" 21	William H. Seavey Lydia Kushan	51 53	Wrentham "	Rev. C. W. Longren
Oct. 4	Herbert L. Bennett Jessie E. Grant	27 18	Franklin "	Rev. Wm. O. Ayer

Date.	Name.	Age.	Residence.	Married by
Oct. 5	Frank W. Willard Nellie L. Enegren	26 26	Franklin "	Rev. J. P. Chadwick
" 19	Frank P. Adams Nellie M. Pond	35 34	Medway Franklin	Rev. E. A. Howard
" 24	James F. Cahill Minnie C. Mason	29 26	Franklin "	Rev. C. W. Lougren
" 26	Joseph T. Hutchinson, Jr. Florence M. Pherson	24 21	Franklin Wrentham	Rev. F. J. Hale
" 26	Harlie S. Leighton Sarah A. Hallam	18 20	Franklin "	Rev. C. W. Lougren
" 26	William A. Rogers Annie C. North	37 33	Franklin "	Rev. C. W. Lougren
Nov. 5	Charles A. Robinson Marietta E. Harris	25 23	Brockton Franklin	Rev. C. W. Lougren
" 24	Franklin W. Guild Emma F. Lewis	34 31	Franklin Auburn, N. Y.	Rev. E. W. Whitney
Dec. 4	Dominique Longobardi Maria A. Paladina	28 17	Franklin "	Rev. M. J. Lee
" 7	Franklin C. Jones, Jr. Mary E. Stewart	23 22	Norfolk Franklin	Rev. F. C. Jones
" 10	Thomas H. Owens Carrie White	21 18	Medway Franklin	Rev. C. W. Lougren
Aug. 18 1897	Charles T. Forschner Lydia A. MacLeod	27 27	Providence, R. I. Franklin	Rev. C. E. Cate
Sept. 18 1897	Edward M. Stewart Eliza J. Keene	83 70	Franklin Central Falls, R. I.	Rev. G. N. Buell

Total, 34.

Deaths Recorded in Franklin During 1898.

The initial letter inclosed is the first letter of the maiden name.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
January 3	Mildred L. Doe	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 7	Emma E. Hawkins	20	4	16	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 10	Willard G. Estey	79	5	27	Old age
" 18	Mary Cannavan	29	10	12	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 20	Jane (Allen) Byrnes	61	—	—	Cerebral apoplexy
" 21	Ella J. Morse	48	10	9	Heart disease
" 23	Mary Elizabeth Hills	81	1	7	Cerebral apoplexy
" 27	Almira Longer	82	9	26	Paraplegia
February 8	Frances E. Cargill	69	4	1	Cerebral hemorrhage
" 12	Catherine F. O'Donoghue	40	1	—	Bright's disease
" 14	Edward F. McCarthy	20	3	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 15	Carrie H. Woodbury	67	7	—	Hemiplegia
" 25	Irene E. Lemier	—	2	—	Broncho pneumonia
" 27	Walter St. Pierre	—	—	16	Erysipelas
March 1	Adelia R. Kingsbury	83	3	10	Old age
" 1	Charlotte F. Briggs	65	4	25	Cancer
" 4	Eliza A. Newell	86	2	26	Senile debility
" 19	Bessie L. Young	3	6	18	Pneumonia
" 25	Benjamin F. Johnson	80	11	15	Old age
April 6	Daniel McKinzie	47	4	1	Cancer
" 7	William M. Thayer	78	1	15	Heart disease
" 13	——— Wise	—	—	1	Convulsions
" 22	Hannah Barton	60	9	21	Cerebral apoplexy
" 22	Lorinda G. Garland	77	2	—	Carcinoma
" 23	———Allen	—	—	—	stillborn
May 1	Laura M. Currier	12	3	1	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 5	Cornelius Shean	19	7	—	Phthisis
" 6	Henry W. Wilkinson	62	8	16	Heart disease
" 17	Eli McCallan	43	—	—	Typhoid fever
" 9	—— Codey	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 16	Nora Healey	—	7	25	Pertussis
" 16	Frank D. Jennison	43	1	29	Int. fever with cong. chill.
" 19	Nancy E. Boyden	64	5	19	Val. dis. of heart & paral.
" 20	Kittie M. Clark	19	3	—	Internal hemorrhage
" 24	Hon. William F. Ray	44	2	20	Angina pectoris
" 28	Abigail D. Dean	87	—	18	Old age
" 30	Oscar LeFluer	—	1	6	———
June 1	John O'Donnell	62	11	7	Brain disease
" 2	George E. Young	69	0	9	Hemi. with cere. softening
" 1	Ellen McHugh	1	3	10	Whoop.cough & pneumonia
" 2	John Corbett	73	—	—	Paralysis
" 3	Mary Ann Hancock	85	—	—	Heart disease
" 7	William S. Johnson	11	2	17	Spinal meningitis
" 21	Asbury S. Pendleton	53	2	6	Chronic mitral
July 14	Johannah Corbett	61	3	20	Chronic gastro Enteritis
" 18	Richardson Metcalf	80	6	15	Senile decay
Aug 10	—— White	—	—	—	Pro. labor, inst. delivery
" 15	Nathaniel S. Grow	73	4	17	Senile dementia
" 18	Rosana Lapierrier	8	—	—	Dysentery
" 21	Damaris W. Ackley	41	—	—	Pulmonary tuberculosis
" 22	Peter A. McNamara	24	4	22	Acute Bright's disease
" 25	Robert W. Wyllie	—	10	18	Acute ileo. colitis
" 29	Eddie Lovce	—	10	14	Cholera infantum
" 29	Mary E. Reanx	--	1	11	Marasmus
" 31	Abigail C. Chamberlin	78	3	21	Senile insanity and cancer.
Sept. 4	Mary J. Callahan	32	1	—	Typhoid malaria
" 7	Horace W. Fifield	47	7	16	Cardiac failure, Ph. Pul.
" 7	Mildred Allen	—	4	17	Convulsions
" 8	Harry Lorin Reid	3	7	7	Acute dysentery
" 9	Minnie B. Loose	5	8	7	Acute dysentery
" 13	Elizabeth Sullivan	66	3	9	Dysentery, tol. by apoplexy
" 14	Mary Ann Moreau	—	1	19	Spina bifida
" 18	Augustine LaPoint	38	—	—	Acute nephritis
" 24	Charles Gowen	78	9	22	Diabetis mellitis

DATE.		NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M.	D.	
Sept.	24	—— Grant	—	—	1	Premature birth
"	25	Polly Penniman	86	1	2	Old age
"	28	Mary Coughlin	1	1	—	Acute meningitis
Oct.	11	Lydia W. Blake	62	—	—	Cancer and dysentery
"	11	Florence H. Mason	1	1	13	Ileo Colitis
"	14	Carlton F. Mason	2	8	28	Ileo Colitis
"	15	Melissa LeFleur	19	9	15	Pernicious Anamia
"	18	Philena Kimball	91	1	—	Senile Debility
"	27	Annie Booth	38	—	—	Dysentery
"	27	Lydia Bradford	60	9	—	Softening of the brain
"	28	Mary Sheahan	54	3	0	Dysentery mitral lesion
Nov.	21	Joseph Languirand	53	3	15	Heart disease
"	28	Ruth Shea	74	5	22	Mullites cerebri
Dec.	22	Daniel F. Shea	32	—	—	Angina Pectoris
"	23	Emma J. Wales	48	11	7	Septicæmia fol'ng surg. op.
"	26	Charlotte A. Metcalf	74	11	—	Chronic Nephrites
"	29	Samuel H. Jordan	53	2	11	Chronic Nephrites
"	31	Edward Prior	25	4	19	Hamathrosis Inteans
"	31	Orilie Henry	48	—	—	Cerebral hypercinia

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